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Adani crash stalls Parliament; Opposition seeks JPC probe

Citing public interest and risk to savings of people, parties demand a debate on the high exposure of public financial institutions such as the SBI and the LIC to the group; they plan to stage a joint protest on the House premises on Monday

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Parliament failed to function on Thursday, in the face of persistent demands by the Opposition for a debate on the high exposure of public financial institutions – mainly the State Bank of India (SBI) and the Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) – to the Adani Group, and the impact on them following the Hindenburg report alleging round-tripping of money by the group.

On January 30, the LIC said the amount it had invested in the Adani Group, over a period of time, stood at ₹36,474.78 crore. The SBI, on its part, has lent a significant amount of money to the beleaguered group.

"Keeping public interest in mind, we want a thorough probe into the Adani issue either by a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) or a Supreme Court-monitored panel. There should also be day-to-day reporting of the investigation on the issue," Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge told presspersons.

While sources say that not all Opposition parties are on board for such a mode of investigation, the issue has united several major parties, with the DMK, Samajwadi Party, JD (U), Shiv Sena, RJD, NCP, IUML, CPI, CPI(M), National Conference and Kerala Congress participating in a strategy meeting called by Mr. Kharge on Thursday morning.

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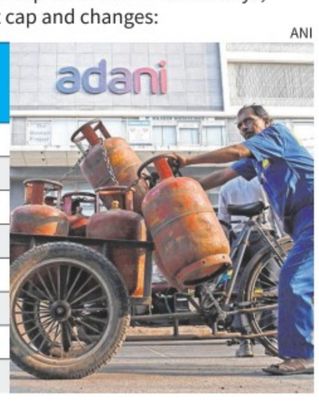
All fall down

The Adani Group has lost an estimated $107 billion in market capitalisation in recent days, according to Reuters. Select Adani companies' latest market cap and changes:

Companies	Market cap as on Feb. 2, 2023 in ₹ crore	% change in market cap from Jan. 24, 2023
Adani Total Gas	1,88,232.5	-56.6%
Adani Enterprises	1,78,375.98	-54.5%
Adani Green Energy	1,64,430.49	-46.9%
Adani Transmission	1,73,710.1	-44.1%
Adani Ports and SEZ	99,798.42	-39.9%
Ambuja Cements	69,984.07	-29.7%
Adani Power	77,968.02	-25.9%
Adani Wilmar	54,774.95	-22.9%



ANI

Firm's stocks continue to plunge after FPO removal

The Hindu Bureau
AHMEDABAD

Shares of Adani Group companies continued to plunge, even after its flagship Adani Enterprises Ltd. (AEL) scrapped its ₹20,000-crore follow-on public offer (FPO).

The AEL's share price dropped 26.5% to ₹1,564.70 on the BSE ,while stocks of all other listed entities of the group, except Ambuja Cement, declined between 5% and 18%.

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Adani crisis will 'play out' in the market, says senior official

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

The crisis facing the Adani Group will "play out" in the market and it is up to financial sector regulators to examine if a specific company has stuck to the rulebook, Economic Affairs Secretary Ajay Seth said on Thursday, hinting that there should be no impact on India's credibility as a market.

Responding to a query on concerns about regulatory oversight in light of the recent crisis engulfing the Adani Group firms, Mr. Seth said he would not comment on "this company's transactions", and indicated that even for regulators, exercising oversight over each "economic actor" was not necessary unless there were systemic issues involved. "The regulator needs to see – are there any systemic issues? How is the overall sector behaving? Oversight doesn't mean for each and every company... Where is the capacity, and is it really needed for somebody to oversee each and every economic actor?" he told *The Hindu*.

"This will play out in the market. This is one company's events and the regulator will have a look at it whether they have adhered to the norms of the market," he said.

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'RBI seeking details of loans to the group'

MUMBAI
The RBI has sought details from banks about their exposure to the Adani Group, sources said, a day after Swiss lender Credit Suisse stopped accepting bonds by the Group's firms as collaterals. » PAGE 18

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Flowers get dearer ahead of Valentine's Day

BENGALURU
With the cold weather interfering with the flowering process, the prices of most decorative flowers, led by roses, have gone up by 40 to 50%, said flower growers and sellers. » PAGE 2

Ramesh Jarkiholi in Delhi; may meet Shah

BELAGAVI
Ramesh Jarkiholi, BJP MLA, is in New Delhi to meet Amit Shah, Union Home Minister, to request him to transfer the sex CD case against him to CBI.

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'Expect States to tap loan window quicker'

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Thursday exuded confidence that the States will sign up as early as April to avail themselves of the ₹1.3 lakh crore of interest-free loans offered to them in the Union Budget, 2023-24 for capital expenditure, much faster than they did in the current financial year.

This 50-year interest-free loan window constitutes a critical part of the Centre's ambitious ₹10 lakh crore capex push for the coming year, and the Finance Minister asserted that the scheme's outlay was raised from ₹1 lakh crore allocated this year only because the States had shown interest. Data of the scheme released in the Economic Survey tabled in Parliament this week appeared to suggest those funds had not been fully tapped by the States.

Nirmala Sitharaman

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No bar on contesting two seats in one poll

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Thursday refused to set aside a provision in the election law that allows candidates to contest polls from two constituencies simultaneously.

"This is a policy matter and an issue concerning political democracy. It is for the Parliament to take a call," a Bench led by CJI D.Y. Chandrachud observed. The petition by advocate Ashwini Upadhyay had sought a declaration that Section 33(7) of the Representation of the People Act is invalid.

"Like one person, one vote, one candidate, one constituency is the dictum of democracy... Section 33 (7) of the Act allows a person to contest a general election or a group of by-elections or biennial elections from two constituencies," the petitioner said.

However, the court chose to leave the issue to the wisdom of Parliament.

"This is a matter of legislative policy, since ultimately it is Parliament's will to see if a country can be granted such a choice. Hence, absent any manifest arbitrariness in the said provision, we cannot strike it down," the top court noted.

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Karnataka govt. launches Kaveri 2 to simplify registration process

Sharath S. Srivatsa
BENGALURU

Nearly two decades after the launch of Kaveri 1, a pioneer system then used in registration across Karnataka, the State government has launched the much-awaited Kaveri 2 to ease the process. While the pilot was launched at Chincholi sub-registrar office in Kalaburagi district on Wednesday, the facility will be made available across the State in phases over the next few weeks.

The new web-based application, which is expected to save time spent by the public, will work in the pre-registration, registration and post-registration phases. People are expected to come to the sub-registrar's office only for registration after scheduling an appointment

"The pilot is being closely monitored on 150 parameters and has been implemented with success. No problem has been encountered so far," Revenue Department sources told *The Hindu*. "Once the registration is completed, the public can avail their documents in digital form through DigiLocker and physical form. Eventually, the government could decide on providing documents only through DigiLocker."

While Kaveri 1 was developed by Pune-based C-DAC and launched in September 2003, it was tasked with developing Kaveri 2 in 2013. This did not take off, resulting in an inordinate delay. Over the years, as the government integrated several modules into the old system without an upgradation, reports of the registration process breaking down became frequent. The new web-based system, which missed multiple deadlines in the last year, has been developed by the Centre for Smart Governance and e-Governance department.

Sources said, "After a week of pilot testing at Chincholi, the registration process will be implemented in Belagavi, Mandya and Managaluru, among other places, before it is implemented across the State." In the new system, templates have been provided for preparing documents. Do-it-yourself videos have been uploaded to YouTube, sources said, adding that public awareness programmes will be launched.

All about Kaveri

- Kaveri 1, developed by C-DAC for registration of documents, launched in September, 2003
- Kaveri 2, a web-based application developed by the Centre for Smart Governance, launched on February 1, 2023
- Pilot launched at Chincholi sub-registrar's office in Kalaburgi district
- After fine-tuning, system expected to be implemented across the State over the next few weeks

Expected benefits of Kaveri 2

- Registration process to be efficienct and fast
- Templates for documents preparation to be provided, and DIY videos made available on YouTube
- Public will visit sub-registrar's office only for registration purpose
- Prevents crowding at sub-registrar's office as time slots for registration are allotted

Tripling of registration

With the new system in place, the government expects a tripling of registration daily as pre-registration work would be completed before the appointment time. "We expect efficiency levels to go up and crowding at the sub-registrar's office to come down as people will be given time slots for registration. With efficient integration with other online services related to land, such as Bhoomi, E-swathu and E-asthi, fraudulent practices will also come down," said a source.

50% rebate in fines for e-challan cases across State till February 11

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State government has announced a 50% rebate in fines in e-challan cases registered by traffic police across Karnataka if settled by February 11. This is a one-time measure to clear backlog cases that have not been settled.

An order to this effect was issued by Pushpa V.S., Under Secretary, Transport Department, on Thursday. E-challan cases are those booked when violations are caught on traffic surveillance cameras.

At a recent meeting chaired by the Karnataka Legal Services Authority, it was suggested that steps be taken to ensure the settling of these cases. Following this, the Commissioner for Transport and Road Safety proposed a one-time measure of a 50% rebate.

Dr. M.A. Saleem, Special Commissioner (Traffic), Bengaluru, said there were over two crore e-challan cases which may total up to a penalty of ₹500 crore in the city. This is over 80% of such cases pending across the State.

E-challan cases are those booked when violations are caught on traffic surveillance cameras. FILE PHOTO

Check cases pending

"Anyone can check for the cases pending against their vehicle on our website and make the payment. We will update the interface on the Bengaluru Traffic Police website by Friday and give a link," he said, appealing to all vehicle owners in the city to check if there are any cases pending against their vehicles and make use of the rebate window.

After camera surveillance catches a violation, it recognises the vehicle registration number and a notice is generated for the person in whose name the vehicle is registered and sent to the registered address. However, while many do not respond, in many cases, the vehicle owner would have changed houses, vehicle ownership would have changed but records were not updated, a senior traffic police officer said.

Are uniforms reaching students, asks HC

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

"Instead of providing uniforms, the State government is unfortunately transferring money to headmasters and the School Development and Monitoring Committee (SDMC) for providing them to students in government schools, and that is not the object of RTE Act. God only knows whether they have reached the students or not," the High Court of Karnataka has observed.

A Division Bench, comprising Justice B. Veerappa and Justice K.S. Hemalekha, made these observations while hearing a contempt of court petition filed in 2020 by eight-year-old Manjunath, a student from Koppal.

The petitioner alleged that the mandate of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act and the court's 2019 order for providing two sets of uniforms, etc., were not effectively implemented even though the government had issued circulars for transferring funds to the SDMCs for providing uniforms for the academic years 2019-20 and 2020-21.

The Bench said it was the duty of the government to provide uniforms to children, in the 6 to 14 age group, studying in government schools as provided under Section 3 of RTE Act, as observed by the court in its 2019 order passed on a PIL petition filed by Manjunath.

"There is no clarity in the affidavit filed by the officer. There is no compliance of the order passed by the court in 2019 in its true spirit," the Bench said, while refusing to accept the government's claim that the order was substantially complied with.

"It is high time for the State government to ensure that the object of Section 3 of the RTE Act and Articles 21A and 45 of the Constitution of India are fulfilled. It is the bounden duty of the State government to show its institutional responsibility," the High Court observed while adjourning further hearing.

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

I-T Department spends 57 paise for every ₹100 of tax collected

0.57 in rupees, the income-tax collection cost that the I-T Department incurs for every ₹100 collected as tax. According to Shishir Agarwal, Chief Commissioner of Income Tax, "the U.K. spends 73 paise, Japan 174 paise, Germany 135 paise, Canada 150 paise, France 111 paise. The U.S. is the only country that spends less than India." PTI

U.S. layoffs surged in January as technology industry slashed jobs

1.03 In lakhs, the number of workers impacted by layoffs in January in the U.S. as technology firms cut jobs at the second-highest pace on record to brace for a possible recession. The layoffs are a more than two-fold jump from December and an over five-times surge from a year earlier. These companies include Microsoft, Amazon and Goldman Sachs. REUTERS

Cholera cases surge in African countries amid vaccine shortage

3,577 The number of new cholera cases recorded in Malawi in southern Africa in the past week. There were 111 related deaths. They make up the bulk of the new cholera cases on the continent. Since the beginning of 2023, there have been 27,300 new cases of cholera including 687 deaths in five African countries. AP

More than 200 antiquities retrieved from foreign countries

229 The number of antiquities that have been retrieved by India from foreign countries since 2014, according to Union Culture Minister G. Kishan Reddy's reply in Rajya Sabha. The Government of India is "committed to bring back the antiquities of Indian origin which were taken away from India", Mr. Reddy said. PTI

Pakistan launches $2.7 billion nuclear plant under CPEC Corridor

2.7 In billion dollars, the total worth of a nuclear reactor inaugurated by Pakistan. The 1,100 megawatts capacity power plant, built under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, will generate some of the nation's cheapest electricity. The nuclear reactor was connected to the power grid in last March. AGENCIES

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Putting Budget 2023 into perspective

The Union Budget assumes a nominal GDP growth of 10.5% in 2023-24, which implies a projected inflation rate of just 4%, given the economic survey's baseline real GDP growth projection of 6.5%. How does this fare against the figures of the previous governments?

ANALYSIS

Prasenjit Bose
Indranil Chowdhury

As per the latest economic survey, the Indian economy is set to attain a real GDP growth of 7% in 2022-23, with both the retail and wholesale inflation rates falling below 6% in the months ahead. The Union Budget presented in this backdrop assumes a nominal GDP growth of 10.5% in 2023-24, which implies a projected inflation rate of just 4%, given the economic survey's baseline real GDP growth projection of 6.5%. This reflects official optimism regarding the Indian economy remaining in a macroeconomic sweet-spot of declining inflation and high growth, even as the rest of the world experiences a growth slowdown alongside sticky inflation.

The economic survey has predicted a fresh cycle of investment-led growth led by the private corporate sector, supported by increasing credit from the banks. Rather than relying upon such rosy predictions, however, the Finance Minister has announced a sharp increase in capital expenditure in the Union Budget, seeking to "crowd-in" private investment especially in infrastructure sectors like railways, roads and power plants. On the other hand, subsidies on food, fertiliser, petroleum and interest subsidies, along with outlays on welfare schemes like the MGNREGA have been reduced quite significantly, indicating higher prices of cereals, LPG cylinders and fertilisers like urea in the days to come. The overall impact of such expenditure switching may turn out to be inflationary.

Total expenditure decreases

A longer-term assessment of the Union Budgets is presented in Table 1, which enables us to compare the present government's fiscal strategy in the post-pandemic period with the fiscal record of the UPA-II and NDA-I governments. As can be seen from Table 1, while the total central government expenditure (annual average) fell from 15% of the GDP during the UPA-II era to below 13% during the NDA-I government's tenure, the recession precipitated by the COVID-19 pandemic forced a substantial increase in total expenditure to 17.7% and 16% of the GDP, in 2020-21 and 2021-22, respectively. Total expenditure has reduced moderately since then, to around 15% of GDP.

While capital expenditure has been enhanced significantly since 2020-21, subsidies on food, fertiliser and petroleum have been reduced from 2021-22. Defence expenditure, which was 2% of the GDP on average under the UPA-II government Budgets and 1.6% of GDP under the NDA-I, has fallen to 1.5% of GDP in 2022-23. As a proportion of the GDP, while expenditure on agriculture seems to have increased during the NDA-II government's tenure, mainly on account of the PM-Kisan cash transfer scheme, expenditure on education has reduced quite significantly compared to the UPA-II era. Expenditure on rural development and health seems to have remained at the same level. The increase in capital expenditure is mainly focussed in transport and energy sectors.

Tax situation

The reason why the government has to cut subsidies and welfare expenditures to increase capex on infrastructure is because of inadequate revenues, which have remained to be the principal constraint on public expenditure. Table 1 shows that gross tax revenues as a share of GDP barely rose from 10.2% under the UPA-II period to 10.8% under NDA-I and then fell to around 10% during the first two years of the NDA-II government. It is only in the post-pandemic period, since 2021-22, that gross tax revenues have crossed 11% of GDP.

It can be noted further that the corporate tax collection as a share of GDP fell from 3.7% of the GDP under the UPA-II to 3.3% of the GDP under the NDA-I, and came down further to 2.3% of the GDP in 2020-21 following the sharp corporate tax cuts introduced in 2019. The post-pandemic recovery has led to enhanced tax collections, but corporate tax collections remained at 3.1% of the GDP in 2022-23.

While corporate taxes in the GDP have declined under the NDA rule, the share of income taxes in the GDP has risen progressively to reach 3% of the GDP in 2022-23. Revenues from personal income taxes becoming almost equal to corporate tax revenues point towards a regressive taxation regime, which perhaps compelled the Finance Minister to provide a few concessions to income tax payers in this year's Budget. However, going by the Finance Minister's speech, revenue foregone due to those concessions is projected at only ₹35,000 crore, in the backdrop of income tax collections of ₹8,15,000 crore (RE) in 2022-23.

Another regressive shift that has come under the taxation system under the NDA rule is the increase in indirect taxes. While the share of customs duties in the GDP has fallen from 1.6% during the UPA-II to 0.8% in 2022-23, the share of excise duties in the GDP rose from 1.7% under the UPA-II (when GST was yet to be introduced) to 2% in 2020-21 and remained above 1.2% in 2022-23, over and above the GST collections by the central government at over 3% of the GDP. High excise duties continue to be levied on petroleum-products, which keep fuel prices high. The increasing share of income taxes in direct taxes and the rising share of indirect taxes in GDP have contributed to the observed increase in income and consumption inequalities.

The States' share in central taxes increased from 2.8% of the GDP under the UPA-II to 3.7% of the GDP under the NDA-I, owing to the enhanced devolution formula recommended by the fourteenth finance commission. Under the NDA-II government, the States' share in central taxes has declined to an annual average of 3.4% of the GDP. This is mainly due to the increasing incidence of cesses and surcharges imposed by the central government, which have shrunk the divisible pool, denying more tax revenues to the States.

The fiscal deficit had come down from 5.4% of the GDP under the UPA-II government to 3.7% under the NDA-I, mainly on account of expenditure compression. Under the NDA-II government, however, the deflationary fiscal stance was reversed in 2019-20. Fiscal deficit peaked at 9.2% of the GDP in 2020-21 in the backdrop of the pandemic. While the Finance Minister has set a "path of fiscal consolidation" with a target to bring down the deficit below 4.5% by 2025-26, the fiscal deficit targeted for 2023-24 in the present Budget is 5.9%. The NDA-II government is unlikely to achieve the deficit target two years from now, without recourse to drastic expenditure compression or sharp increase in revenue mobilisation.

Stack-up against G-20

A comparison of the estimates and projections of India's public debt situation and fiscal balance (Centre and States combined) with the G-20 emerging market average, is provided in Table 2. The estimates show India's public debt to have peaked at 89% of the GDP in 2020, while that of the G-20 emerging market economies continue to deteriorate and surpass India's gross public debt-to-GDP ratio by 2026. Despite India's government revenue-to-GDP ratio being significantly lower than the G-20 emerging market average, India's public debt-to-GDP is projected to perform better than the G-20 emerging economies' average on account of a higher projected GDP growth. It is such an expectation which underlies the vision of "Amrit Kaal" contained in the Union Budget – an utopia of a perpetual macroeconomic sweet-spot. If the projected GDP growth fails to materialise, the macroeconomic situation can turn dystopic pretty fast, like the debt-equity ratio of the Adani conglomerate.

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Number games

As Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman presented her fifth Union Budget on Wednesday, here's a look at how the governments prioritised and allotted funds for various sectors in the previous years

Table 1: Union Budgets - Major Heads of Expenditure, Revenues & Deficits (% of GDP)

	UPA-II	NDA-I	NDA-II				
	2009-10 to 2013-14	2014-15 to 2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
	(Annual Average)	(Annual Average)	Actuals	Actuals	Actuals	Revised Estimates	Budget Estimates
Total Expenditure	15	12.8	13.4	17.7	16.0	15.3	14.9
Capital Expenditure	1.8	1.7	1.7	2.2	2.5	2.7	3.3
Food Subsidy	0.9	0.8	0.5	2.7	1.2	1.1	0.7
Fertiliser Subsidy	0.8	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.6
Petroleum Subsidy	0.7	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Defence	2	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.5	1.5	1.4
Agriculture	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.5
Education	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.4
Health	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3
Rural Development	0.8	0.7	0.7	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.8
Urban Development	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.3
Gross Tax Revenue	10.2	10.8	10.0	10.2	11.4	11.1	11.1
Corporation Tax	3.7	3.3	2.8	2.3	3.0	3.1	3.1
Taxes on Income	2	2.3	2.5	2.5	2.9	3.0	3.0
Union Excise	1.7	1.8	1.2	2.0	1.7	1.2	1.1
Customs	1.6	1.2	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8
GST	n.a.	1.1	3.0	2.8	3.0	3.1	3.2
States' Share in Taxes	2.8	3.7	3.2	3.0	3.8	3.5	3.4
Net Resources Transferred to States & UTs	4.8	6.1	5.7	6.7	7.2	6.3	6.2
Fiscal Deficit	5.4	3.7	4.7	9.2	6.7	6.4	5.9
Revenue Deficit	4	2.5	3.3	7.3	4.4	4.1	2.9
Market Borrowings	4.9	2.8	3.1	6.3	3.4	4.4	4.1
Interest Expenditure	3.2	3.1	3.0	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.6

Source: Union Budget Documents, Various Years

Table 2: Estimates & Projections of General Government Expenditure, Revenues & Gross Debt (% of GDP)

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
	General Government Expenditure (% of GDP)														
India	26.6	26.2	27.1	27.2	26.2	26.3	27.4	31.1	30.1	28.9	28.3	28.1	27.8	27.7	27.6
G-20 Emerging	30.4	30.6	31.8	32.1	31.7	31.9	32.5	34.8	32	32.6	31.9	32	31.8	31.8	31.7
	General Government Revenue (% of GDP)														
India	19.6	19.1	19.9	20.1	20	20	19.9	18.3	20.2	19	19.2	19.6	19.9	20.1	20.4
G-20 Emerging	28.6	28.2	27.5	27.5	27.7	27.8	27.3	25.4	26.4	25.3	25.6	25.6	25.7	25.7	25.8
	General Government Gross Debt (% of GDP)														
India	67.7	67.1	69	68.9	69.7	70.4	75.1	89.2	84.2	83.4	83.8	84.1	83.8	83.4	83
G-20 Emerging	38.5	40.9	44	48.8	51.4	53.1	55.9	66.4	67	69.4	74.2	78.2	81.6	84.5	86.8

Source: IMF staff estimates and projections, Fiscal Monitor, October 2022

THE GIST

The Finance Minister has announced a sharp increase in capital expenditure in the Union Budget, seeking to "crowd-in" private investment especially in infrastructure sectors like railways, roads and power plants. On the other hand, subsidies on food, fertiliser, petroleum and interest subsidies, along with outlays on welfare schemes like the MGNREGA have been reduced quite significantly.

Defence expenditure, which was 2% of the GDP on average under the UPA-II government Budgets and 1.6% of GDP under the NDA-I, has fallen to 1.5% of GDP in 2022-23. As a proportion of the GDP, while expenditure on agriculture seems to have increased during the NDA-II government's tenure, mainly on account of the PM-Kisan cash transfer scheme, expenditure on education has reduced quite significantly compared to the UPA-II era.

Corporate tax collection as a share of GDP fell from 3.7% of the GDP under the UPA-II to 3.3% of the GDP under the NDA-I, and came down further to 2.3% of the GDP in 2020-21 following the sharp corporate tax cuts introduced in 2019. The post-pandemic recovery has led to enhanced tax collections, but corporate tax collections remained at 3.1% of the GDP in 2022-23. Revenues from personal income taxes becoming almost equal to corporate tax revenues point towards a regressive taxation regime, which perhaps compelled the Finance Minister to provide a few concessions to income tax payers in this year's Budget.

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INBRIEF

IISc and Brunel University launch research programme

The Indian Institute of Science (IISc) and Brunel University London have launched a ₹1 crore programme for joint research projects in areas including combustion, manufacturing, design, and energy. The collaboration programme was announced during a visit by Brunel's vice-chancellor and president Andrew Jones to IISc campus in Bengaluru. The funding will support a number of short, exploratory joint seed research projects running until the end of July 2023, with the expectation of later progression to larger, externally funded collaborative research.

Jio Digital Fibre booked for damaging road

The Hanumanthnagar police have registered an FIR against Jio Digital Fibre Pvt. Ltd., for damaging a road. Vidya B.R., Assistant Executive Engineer, South division, BBMP in her complaint said she was on rounds when she noticed that a part of Mountjoy Road was dug up to lay OFC cables and closed over night. Further verification revealed that the company had not obtained any permission from the BBMP, which is a gross violation. Ms. Vidya cited the Government Order stating that the company in question should not only get the damaged road repaired but also pay a fine of ₹25 lakh.

Intermittent power supply on February 4 and 5

In view of scheduled emergency work at 66/11-kV Dommasandra Station, there will be intermittent power supply from 9 a.m. of February 4 to 6 p.m. of February 5 in some areas. According to a press release from Bescom, Chandrapura Division, the areas that will be affected are Neriga, Thippasandra, Halasahalli, Dommasandra, Sulikunte, Muthanallur Cross, and surrounding areas.

Text & Context

A weekday feature on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) carries explainers, special articles and a quiz. In the latest issue (February 3, Friday), the following explainer is available:

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Decorative flowers get dearer ahead of Valentine's Day; prices expected to go up further

Roses grown in and around Bengaluru, in places such as Bagalur, Chickballapur, Doddaballapur, Attibele, and Hoskote, have the reputation of being one of the finest varieties in the country

Jahnavi T.R.
BENGALURU

The prices of decorative flowers have shot up amid the ongoing wedding season and ahead of Valentine's Day. With the cold weather interfering with the flowering process, the prices of most decorative flowers, led by roses, have gone up by 40 to 50%, said flower growers and sellers.

The wedding season this year seems to be booming with many organisers willing to splurge on flower decorations and this has contributed to the increase in demand for decorative flowers. "The prices of all flowers have gone up post-Sankranti. Roses, which are usually priced ₹4 or ₹5 per stem, cost ₹15 to ₹20 apiece now. In the upcoming weeks, we will mostly see a further increase of 10 to 20% in flower prices," said Srikanth Bollapally, director, South India Floriculture Association.

Most-sought-after: Roses, which are usually priced ₹4 or ₹5 per stem, cost ₹15 to ₹20 apiece now.
BHAGYA PRAKASH K.

Roses grown in and around Bengaluru, in places such as Bagalur, Chickballapur, Doddaballapur, Attibele, and Hoskote, have the reputation of being one of the finest varieties in the country. Bengaluru is one of the leading exporters of roses in the country. The long-stemmed Taj Mahal variety is the most sought-after, primarily for its long vase life, according to sellers.

The cold weather this time has affected both the budding and blooming of the famed flower.

Cold weather effect

"There is no proper bud formation as the weather is very cold and there is not much humidity in the air. Further, if buds are formed, the temperature is not enough for them to bloom. Downy mildew disease has been seen in some places. Overall, there is a 60 to 70% drop in production of roses this time," said Mohammed Yosuff C., general secretary, Karnataka State Exotic Flower Growers and Sellers Association.

Apart from roses, a bunch of 10 stems of gerberas, which are usually priced at ₹30 to ₹40, now costs ₹60 while decorative marigolds (hybrid daisies) are being sold at ₹200 to ₹300 per bunch instead of their usual price of ₹150.

Flower sellers, however, lamented that even though the prices are good this year, farmers and sellers are now tasked with competing with plastic flowers in the market, mainly imported from China, and said that steps should be taken by the government to curb the sales of such flowers.

Pillion rider killed in accident

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 28-year-old private firm employee was killed when a motorcycle rider knocked her down while she was riding pillion on a motorcycle on the Electronics City flyover in the early hours of Thursday.

The deceased, Subhashree, a native of Kerala, was working in the marketing division of a private firm at Whitefield. She was returning home on the motorcycle with her fiance after dinner at HSR Layout. They were supposed to get married next month, a police officer said.

The incident occurred near Garvebhavipalya. The accused, Vimal Chandra Mohan, 30, writer in a private firm, was heading towards Electronics City and collided with the motorcycle on which Subhashree was riding pillion. Subhashree fell off the vehicle and sustained severe head injuries. Her fiance, however, did not realise that Subhashree had fallen off and went ahead for a few yards before stopping his bike. Subhashree was later taken to a private hospital where doctors declared her as brought dead.

The police booked Vimal Chandra for death due to negligence, and rash and negligent driving.

Nayandahalli lake being filled with purified wastewater

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) on Thursday released 120 million litres of purified wastewater into Nayandahalli lake. Nayandahalli lake is the first waterbody in the city to be filled with tertiary treated water, the BWSSB claimed. Minister for Housing and Infrastructure Development V. Somanna inaugurated the project.

BWSSB officials said the water would be pumped into the lake from a nearby 60-MLD (million litres a day) tertiary treatment plant in the Vrishabhavati Valley near Mysuru Road.

Spread over 15 acres

The lake, which is spread over 15 acres, was developed by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) recently. "Despite several steps taken by the BBMP, the lake is filled with polluted water, hence we have planned to release purified wastewater into the Nayandahalli lake," an official said. "The work was completed at a cost of ₹2.52 crore by the BWSSB. It was carried out under deposit contribution from the BBMP," the BWSSB said in a release.

Activists concerned

Lake activists, who have welcomed the move, however, expressed a few concerns. "The project is good but the concern is whether the water will have all the nutrients. The BWSSB plant should be equipped with Biological Nutrient Removal technology, which is a process used for nitrogen and phosphorus removal from wastewater before it is discharged into the lake," V. Ramprasad, co-founder and convener of Friends of Lakes, said. However, he added that this was not the first time a lake in the city was filled with treated sewage.

Mr. Ramprasad said the BWSSB should follow all the Central Pollution Control Board regulations when implementing the project. For this, a BWSSB official said, "We adhere to the latest guidelines of the CPCB norms on the phosphate and nitrate levels and the whole process will be scientific."

Rejuvenation: According to BWSSB officials, water is being pumped into Nayandahalli lake from a nearby 60-MLD tertiary treatment plant in the Vrishabhavati Valley near Mysuru Road.
K. MURALI KUMAR

Man kills wife during fight, calls police control room to surrender

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Ramamurthynagar police have arrested a 46-year-old man who bludgeoned his 44-year-old wife to death with a dumbbell before calling the police control room to inform about the incident on Thursday.

The accused, Morris Manohara, a resident Hoysala street in Ramamurthynagar, is a technician at a private telecom company. He married Lydia, 18 years ago and the couple have three children. Inquiries with the neighbours revealed that the couple used to fight frequently as Morris suspected her fidelity, according to the police.

The couple fought after the children left for school on Thursday. During the fight, Morris allegedly repeatedly attacked Lydia with a dumbbell and killed her. He later called the police control room, led police personnel to the house and narrated what had happened. The police found Lydia in a pool of blood. Morris was then taken into custody.

Aero India: LCA Tejas to be the star attraction at India Pavilion

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A full-scale LCA Tejas aircraft in Final Operational Clearance (FOC) configuration will be at the centerstage of India Pavilion at Aero India 2023 which is being held at the Air Force Station Yelahanka in Bengaluru between February 13 and 17.

The Ministry of Defence on Thursday said the 14th edition of Aero India would have a separate India Pavilion, based on fixed wing platform theme, to showcase India's growth in the fixed wing area, including the future prospects for the same.

"The India Pavilion will further showcase the growth of India in developing an ecosystem for fixed wing platform which includes the demonstration of various structural modules, simulators, systems (LRUs) of LCA-Tejas aircraft being produced by private partners," the Ministry said.

There will also be a section for defence space, new technologies, and a UAV section which will give an insight about the growth of India in each sector, it added.

LCA Tejas is a single engine, light weight, highly agile, multirole supersonic fighter. FILE PHOTO

India Pavilion will showcase the country's growth in the fixed wing area, including the future prospects

LCA Tejas is a single engine, lightweight, highly agile, multirole supersonic fighter. It has quadruplex digital fly-by-wire Flight Control System with associated advanced flight control laws. The aircraft with delta wing is designed for air combat and offensive air support with reconnaissance and anti-ship as its secondary roles.

Extensive use of advanced composites in the airframe gives a high strength to weight ratio, long fatigue life and low radar signatures. Tejas is equipped with state-of-the-art features such as glass cockpit, zero-zero ejection seat, inflight refuelling probe, and jam-proof AESA radar, which make the aircraft more lethal.

The LCA Tejas is presently available in Air Force fighter & twin seater and LCA Navy fighter and twin seater. Other variants such as LCA LIFT (lead in fighter trainer) and MK-2 are being developed for LCA Tejas.

Senior geologist loses ₹45,000 to conman

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Posing as a childhood friend, a man cheated a senior geologist and made away with ₹45,000 citing help for medical emergency.

Based on the complaint by Ishfaq Ahmed Mir, who works at the Geological Survey of India at K.S. Layout, the south division cybercrime police are trying to track down the accused through online transaction details. In his complaint, Dr. Mir said he came across a Facebook profile of his childhood friend, whom he identified through the picture. After a chat, the accused, on January 18, said he was based in Australia.

A few hours later, he contacted Dr. Mir seeking financial help for a medical emergency as his driver based in Mumbai met with an accident and needed money immediately for his treatment. He also said that since he was in Australia, he could not transfer the money immediately. Dr. Mir agreed to help and transferred the money to the given number. The cheating came to light when Dr. Mir discussed this issue with his other friends on January 30 who informed him that he has ben conned.

Another incident

In a similar incident, Girish L., senior scientific officer with State FSL, Madivala, lost ₹1 lakh after clicking an unverified link sent to his mobile number by an unknown person on January 25. Mr. Girish in his complaint said he received a message through an unknown number asking him to update his PAN details. Mr. Girish clicked on the link and ₹1 lakh got deducted from his savings bank account. He realised the fraud recently and filed a complaint with the southeast cybercrime police on Wednesday.

People displaced by Sharavathi project will get relief soon, says Yediyurappa

The Hindu Bureau
HASSAN

The State Government will send a proposal to clear the grant of forest land to those who lost their land for Sharavathi project in the 1960s, former Chief Minister and Shikaripur MLA B.S. Yediyurappa said in Bengaluru on Thursday.

He spoke to media after holding a meeting with elected representatives from Shivamogga and officers on the issue.

B.S. Yediyurappa

"For the last 60 years, the issue of granting land to the land losers remains unresolved. We have met the Union Minister of Forest Bhupendra Yadav on this issue. He had asked the State to send a proposal, assuring that the ministry would clear it. The government will send the proposal today itself," Mr. Yediyurappa said.

As of now, the Shivamogga district administration has completed the survey of 9,000 acres of forest land. The proposal for the same will be sent to the Centre for clearance. This will benefit thousands of families in the district, Mr. Yediyurappa added.

Shivamogga Lok Sabha member B.Y. Raghavendra, Home Minister Araga Jnanendra, legislators Hartal Halappa, Ashok Naik, senior officers of Revenue Department were present in the meeting. Following a High Court order, the State Government had withdrawn orders that de-notified forest lands.

The court had noted that the government had not taken clearance from the Ministry of Forest and Environment before granting forest land. As a result, the land losers hit the streets seeking ownership of the land. The State Government ordered for a survey of the forest land, which was earlier granted to the land losers.

LIMELIGHT

With *Pathaan*, Shah Rukh Khan comes out on top of the 'Raktabeej' of hate

The actor's comeback vehicle is fuelled by a potent concoction of allegorical references and socio-political realities. He plays a character whose condition and conviction bear striking similarities to his real life making it hard to delineate where one segues into the other

Mending pieces: The repeated reference to the Japanese art of kintsugi in the film underscores Shah Rukh Khan's ability to join broken hearts and bring people together. PTI

Anuj Kumar

Beyond the stylish blend of unrestrained action, glamour, and punchlines delivered at a breakneck pace, Siddharth Anand's *Pathaan* is a minefield of symbolism and allegorical references that make the film more than the sum of its parts.

An answer to those who want to paint the country in one colour, it has emerged as an antidote to the cancel culture. Anand is the grandson of eminent screenwriter Inder Raj Anand, an active member of the Indian People's Theatre Association, who collaborated with Raj Kapoor on landmark films like *Anari* and *Sangam* and wrote *Kalia* and *Shahenshah* for Amitabh Bachchan.

In *Pathaan*, the writing refrains from demonising nationalities and religions and for a tentpole, the characters are not cardboard. Just before Partition, Prithviraj Kapoor mounted a play called Pathan that appealed for communal harmony when it was becoming increasingly impossible to believe each other. Here an Indian spy and an ex-ISI agent get over their trust deficit to save innocent lives.

After a bumper opening week, Khan likened the main actors – Deepika Padukone, John Abraham, and himself to Amar, Akbar, and Anthony, the iconic characters of the Manmohan Desai film that remains a benchmark in bringing out the secular character of the film industry. But in the expanding spy universe of Yash Raj Films, we have a spy without a first name taking on a rogue agent without a surname to safeguard the country from a weapon of mass destruction, named after a monster of Hindu mythology. One is an orphan who is brought up by the country and the other is called Jim perhaps because it rhymes with gym, the soul station of Abraham!

Using the delicious liberties that a spy thriller allows, writers Sridhar Raghavan and Abbas Tyrewala who have had a reputation of writing layered narratives in a popular idiom have shot down the possibilities of the fragile souls getting hurt and along the way have intelligently intertwined the stories of Pathaan and Shah Rukh Khan. It is hard to delineate where one segues into the other.

Unlike his contemporaries, Khan makes for a different kind of action hero. He is slightly more realistic because he does not mind getting beaten up on the screen. In fact, those who have followed his work would know that he comes into form only after he gets dirty and stained with blood.

Before the release of *Pathaan*, his real-life image was that of a people's star pushed into a corner by a series of box office duds. Last year, his son had to spend days in jail on drug charges that turned out to be false and fabricated. It was followed by the boycott wave because of the 'Muslim' title of his comeback vehicle after the pandemic and took the form of a politically motivated controversy around the song *Besharm Rang*.

Khan, who loves to be snarky, maintained a dignified silence all through and focused on what he does best on the screen to get the audience by his side: fighting back after taking body blows. His return is much like the opening scene of the film where Pathaan announces his presence with "Zinda Hai" in a gravelly voice.

The repeated reference to the Japanese art of kintsugi in the film, first as a hobby and then as a philosophy, underscores Khan's ability to join broken hearts and bring people together. Like Pathaan, he lost his parents early in life and the outsider became a star because of the love of audience.

Hailing from Peshawar, Khan's father, Mir Taj Mohammed Khan was a follower of Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan who fought for an independent and united India. So, when Afghanistan turns out to be the second home of Pathaan, it rings a bell, not only in India but in the neighbourhood that goes up to West Asia as well, and perhaps explains the film's unprecedented success in the region which was once known for the non-violent struggle of Khudai Khidmatgars and of course the genial Kabuliwala.

And when he tells Jim and his gang that if they would party in Pathaan's house, he would come for mehman nawazi (hospitality), it seems he is answering to his detractors who intruded into his personal space.

Take on terrorism

Moreover, the narrative is posited in a world where terrorism has no religion and like many businesses these days, it is outsourced to a third party that has no direct interest in the conflict. It goes with the idea that many observers hold that organisations like Daesh are not Islamic groups in the true sense and are just a proxy of the vested interests in the West that have been created to demonise the religion and keep the oil-rich region in turmoil. Perhaps, that is why there is no mention of the U.S. and Israel in the film and Russia is shown as a friendly ally.

In the crucial meeting of two agents in a moving train, before Tiger, his scarf, which has a startling resemblance to the Palestinian keffiyeh, makes an entry into the frame, and notably in the hands of Salman, it becomes a weapon to slay the enemies.

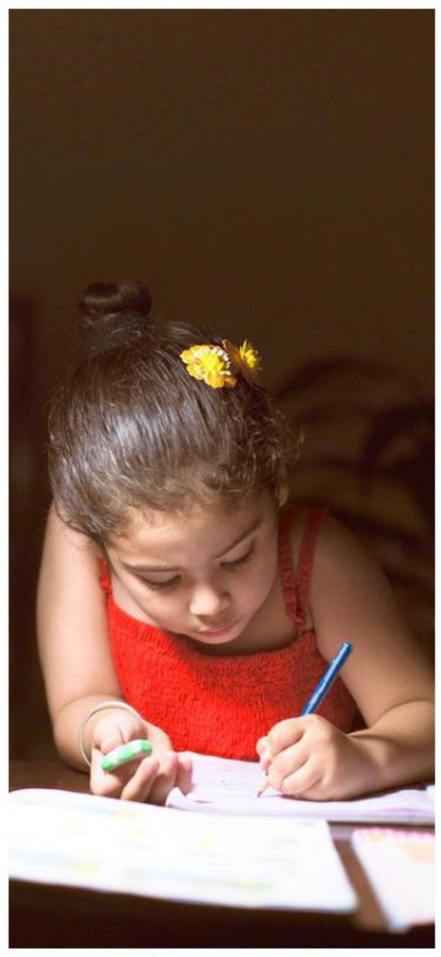
Over the years, a secular, well-meaning Muslim character in Hindi films is one who can hold a glass of wine. Rubina Mohsin carries forward that cliché. Evidently, a Pakistani Muslim girl in a revealing saffron outfit does not hurt the sentiments of the prude boycott crowd which was, ironically, burning Padukone's effigies just a few weeks back. And the conservative fatwa issuing mullah cannot take umbrage because she drinks like a fish. A combination of glamour and guts, Rubina demands a separate film.

It might be carrying forward the *Veer-Zara* template in a patriarchal society, but Pathaan and Rubina's team provides the Pakistani audience something to chew on as well. The cancer-stricken Pakistani general who outsources the operation against India admits that "the job cannot be done by a *Khuda Ka Banda* (believer) and that they had to make friends with a *Shaitan* (monster)."

Pathaan and Jim offer two sides of a soldier. Jim, a rogue Indian agent, reminds us that he has no love lost for Pakistan, does not believe in the concept of fatherland and motherland, and in the future, he could very well offer his services to India for the right price. Both Pathaan and Jim understand each other's position. In fact, during their first meeting, Jim says that in another world, they would have been friends and Pathaan tells his superiors that they made a good soldier their enemy by not lending a helping hand during his personal crisis.

And above all, when the film distinguishes between the nation being a mother or a lover, it gives a voice to the current dispensation's idea of nationalism. A son cannot betray his mother but love for the beloved is based on reciprocity. During the climax when Pathaan paraphrases John F Kennedy's iconic statement: ask not what the country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country, it underscores the ruling party's increasing emphasis on citizens' duties than their rights.

No wonder, with such rich ammunition of allegory, *Pathaan* has annihilated the Raktabeej of hate. At least for the time being.



FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know Your English

Rev. Fr. Menezes of Mount Saint Joseph, Bangalore, writes:

"While I agree fully with the explanation of the origin of words like chit-chat, dilly-dally in THE HINDU, October 7, I beg to differ regarding the word hocus-pocus. As far as I know, this is a corruption of the Latin 'hoc est corpus meum' which means: this is my body. The Protestants in England at the time of the Reformation ridiculed Catholic worship particularly the Mass and chose these words of the consecretion of the bread at Mass into the sacrament of Christ's body (this is Catholic belief) as a hoax, jugglery. So the Catholic Mass was called hocus-pocus. Say the words 'hoc est corpus' fast a few times and anybody will hear them as hocus pocus."

It used to be thought that 'hocus-pocus' was from 'hoc est corpus.' Now scholars are of the view that it is from a pseudo-Latin formula 'hax pax max Deus adimax.' This phrase was used by magicians to distract the audience while doing their tricks. Hocus-pocus now means a 'conjuring deception, typical magical formula.' It also refers to a pointless activity or words meant to obscure or deceive. I don't understand the hocus-pocus of politics.

Mr. Fayaz Ahymed wants to know the meaning of the idiom, "He is fishing in troubled waters' and 'He is a black sheep.'

'To fish in troubled waters' means 'to take advantage of the difficulties or misfortunes of others for personal gain.' He is notorious for fishing in troubled waters. A 'black sheep' is a person 'who is considered by others members of the family or group a failure or a disgrace.' He has no educational qualification and he is the black sheep of the family. Black is associated with badness and evil. Hence the term 'black sheep.'

Mr. S. M. Trivedi of Avadi, Madras, wants to know whether 'thru' for 'through' is acceptable.

It is used in American English and is used in newspaper headlines and informal writing elsewhere. In Britain thro' and thro are generally used in informal writing.

Mr J. V. D. Prasada Rao of Vijayawada wants to know how 'deity' and 'epoch' are pronounced.

'De' rhymes with 'sea' and 'tea'. '-ity' rhymes with 'city' and 'pity'. The stress is on 'De'. The 'e' of 'epoch' is pronounced like the 'e' in 'eat' and 'each'. 'Poch' rhymes with 'rock' and 'lock'. The stress is on the first syllable.

THE DAILY QUIZ

A quiz on LeBron James, who is on the cusp of becoming the highest scorer in the NBA

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

Srinivasan Ramani

QUESTION 1
James just became the player with the fourth highest number of assists in the NBA regular season. Who is the only active player who has registered most assists than him? And which team does he play for?

QUESTION 2
Lebron James has won four NBA titles playing for the Miami Heat (2 championships), Cleveland Cavaliers (1) and Los Angeles Lakers (1). Which NBA player holds the record for the most NBA titles, winning them as part of three different teams? And how many championships?

QUESTION 3
As of Thursday, LeBron James had scored 38,299 points in 20 NBA (regular) seasons. Against which team has he scored the highest number of points? Hint - It plays in the Eastern Conference Central Division.

QUESTION 4
James was born and brought up in Akron, Ohio. Name the other active NBA player who also won an MVP title and four NBA titles was born in the same city?

QUESTION 5
Name the Lithuanian hoopster who played the highest number of games as James' teammate.

Visual question: Name this building, named after a painting company in Cleveland, Ohio, that used to host this iconic banner of James. AP

Answers to the previous day's quiz:
1. From where does the Indus river originate? **Ans: Lake Manasarovar**
2. Which river is also known as Dakshina Ganga? **Ans: Godavari**
3. The Krishna Raja Sagara Dam, located in Karnataka is built on which river? **Ans: Cauvery**
4. Which is the only perennial river in Tamil Nadu? **Ans: Thamarabarani**
5. According to the Indus Waters Treaty in 1960, which rivers do Pakistan have control over ? **Ans: The western rivers of the Indus, Chenab and Jhelum.**
6. Visual question: Identify this place where the river Alaknanda meets the Bhagirathi river and both rivers thereafter flow on as the Ganges river or Ganga. **Ans: Devaprayag**

Early Birds
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Word of the day

Balk:
hesitate or be unwilling to accept an idea or undertaking

Synonyms: resist, flinch

Usage:
He balked at such a drastic solution.

Pronunciation: bit.ly/balkword

International Phonetic Alphabet: /bɔːk/

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No takers for Mysuru-Sindhudurg flight

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

The inaugural flight between Mysuru and Sindhudurg in Maharashtra scheduled for Wednesday was cancelled as there was not a single passenger booking the ticket from either of the directions.

The announcement of the service, connecting Mysuru with Sindhudurg, itself came as a surprise to local stakeholders as it was not even in their road map seeking connectivity to different destinations, in the future. Instead, there was a demand for additional flights to Goa and reintroduction of services to Kochi. But, for reasons not known to local authorities the Mysuru-Goa flight which has almost 100 per cent occupancy in both the directions and operates daily was reduced to five flights a week. For the remaining two days it was decided to fly to Sindhudurg and was announced last week. But as it transpired there was not one passenger on the day of the inauguration and the plane remained on the tarmac. According to sources, the Alliance Air's flight from Hyderabad reaches Mysuru and takes off again to Goa, and securing a seat is an ordeal given the high demand.

But this flight was rescheduled to fly to Sindhudurg twice a week much to the chagrin of stakeholders.

Sources speculated that there was demand for flight from Sindhudurg to Hyderabad and pressure on the authorities to provide a link. So Alliance Air was compelled to re-route the Hyderabad-Mysuru-Goa flight to Sindhudurg instead of Goa twice a week. Prashanth, a member of the Mysuru Airport Advisory Committee, said it was a matter of time before the flight from Mysuru to Sindhudurg was cancelled and deployed on the Goa route again. "We have demand for an additional flight to Goa besides Coimbatore, Shirdi, and Tirupati and hence the authorities should consider operating services to these destinations," he said.

What is disconcerting was that such moves without consultation with stakeholders would result in fiasco and the repeated cancellation or termination of routes would have a negative bearing on the Mysuru airport, he added.

Bandipur braces for fire season

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

The onset of fire season and the dry vegetation at Bandipur has put the staff on high alert and they staged a drill to handle major conflagration on Thursday.

The Fire and Emergency Services conducted the drill and trained nearly 80 personnel in handling some of the fire extinguishing equipment, including blowers.

Apart from the departmental staff and forest guards on duty, the authorities have recruited 550 additional watchers from the tribal communities living on the forest periphery to help keep a watch on any outbreak of fire. They will be paid as per the government norms besides being provided with free ration and will be on duty till the onset of monsoon.

Ramesh Kumar, Director, Bandipur Tiger Reserve said the fire lines – entailing removal of vegetation along different beats – to act as a natural fire break have been drawn and completed. The fire lines are normally drawn through controlled burning of vegetation during early winter. The length of the fire line is 2,781 km, he added. In a bid to beef up the Forest Department's strength to fight any outbreak, the Fire and Emergency Services will deploy 14 vehicles with effect from February 5. This is in addition to 14 fire blowers that have been distributed to different ranges.

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BENGALURU

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RISE 16:26	SET 04:55
SATURDAY, FEB. 04	
RISE 06:45	SET 18:22
RISE 17:18	SET 05:44
SUNDAY, FEB. 05	
RISE 06:45	SET 18:22
RISE 18:09	SET 06:29

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Mysuru	31	16
Bengaluru	27	18

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Bengaluru Tomorrow
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55 trees will be cut for Sankey Road flyover project, reveals EIA report

The Environmental Impact Assessment report states that the tree-felling will have multiple environmental impacts that are irreversible

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A rapid Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) conducted for the proposed flyover on Sankey Road has revealed that 55 trees of 23 species and 14 families will be cut on the stretch for the project.

The EIA report has been prepared by Harini Nagendra and Seema Mundoli from Azim Premji University and Vijay Nishanth from Vruksha Foundation amid opposition to the proposed flyover by activists and the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) going ahead with the plan.

A file photo of Sankey Tank Bund Road in Bengaluru.

The report presents findings of a rapid EIA conducted to determine the number of trees that will be cut or impacted, and other ecosystems affected, as a result of the proposed flyover on Sankey Road.

"According to our census, 55 trees of 23 species and 14 families will be cut in the 600-m stretch where the flyover is being constructed. This includes notable specimens such as a raintree with a girth of 500 cm, a mango tree of 450 cm girth and a tamarind tree of 422 cm girth. There are also 16 flowering trees and 23 fruiting trees that will be cut," states the report.

It adds that another 400 saplings and trees of paper mulberry growing on the tank bund would be cut; these are not accounted in the Detailed Project Report (DPR) as being marked for cutting.

"In addition, we found that there are 27 trees of 11 species from eight families that are likely to be impacted, among which are six ficus. Ficus are keystone species providing a range of ecological benefits, and serve as a habitat for biodiversity, ranging from small mammals to birds to insects," the report adds.

Apart from the fauna, there are 88 species of birds sighted at the tank, including the spot-billed pelican, categorised as "near-threatened" in the IUCN Red List.

The report further states that the tree felling will have multiple environmental impacts that are irreversible.

Ms. Nagendra said the rapid EIA had been prepared in line with the Supreme Court's judgment that an assessment must be done before allowing urban development projects.

"This is an independent EIA done by us following the recent Supreme Court's judgment. We cannot as a city afford to lose any more greenery to infrastructure projects; climate change is around us and we are seeing the effects of flooding in Bengaluru which happened in November last year. We are losing green cover, we are losing wetlands and pieces of nature and we cannot live like this because the city is going to collapse," Ms. Nagendra said.

CINEMA ❖ ARTS ❖ EVENTS

MUSIC DANCE DRAMA

Sri Rama Lalitha Kala Mandira, BSK II Stage, Bangalore, SPRING MUSIC FESTIVAL, 5th February 2023, Sunday, T.M. Krishna – Vocal, H.K. Venkatram-Violin, K.U. Jayachandra Rao-Mridanga, Giridhar Udupa-Ghata 6th February 2023, Monday, Sanjay Subramanyan – Vocal, S. Varadarajan – Violin, Neyveli B. Venkatesh – Mridanga, B. Rajashekar – Morsing,7th February 2023, Tuesday, Kanchana Sisters (Vocal Duet), Shriranjani Shruthi Ranjani, Mattur R. Srinidhi – Violin, Tumkur Ravishankar – Mridanga, Guru Prasanna – Khanjira, 8th February 2023, Wednesday,, Sandeep Narayan – Vocal, B. Vittal Rangan – Violin, B.C. Manjunath – Mridanga, G.S. Ramanujan – Ghata, 9th February 2023, Thursday, Ambi Subramanyam – Violin, H.S. Sudhindra – Mridanga, B. Rajashekar – Morsing, 10th February, 2023, Friday N. Vijay Siva – Vocal, Vigneshwaran – Vocal support – L. Ramakrishnan – Violin, N.C. Bharadwaj – Mridanga, Krishna Sriram – Ghata 11th February 2023, Saturday, Heramb and Hemanth – Flute duet, Charulatha Ramanujam – Violin, Sai Giridhar – Mridanga, Chandrashekar Sharma – Ghata 12th February 2023, Sunday at 4.30 p.m. Vocalist Abhishek Raghuram will be conferred with the title "Sangeetha Vedantha Dhurina" instituted in the name of visionary founder G. Vedantha Iyengar with a cash award of Rs. 1.00 lakh, a silver medal and citation. The award will be presented by Dr. Jayanthi Kumaresh in presence of His Holiness Sri Sri Jeeyar, followed by Music concert by Abhishek Raghuram – Vocal, H.N. Bhaskar- Violin, Patri Satish Kumar-Mridanga, Giridhar Udupa – Ghata. All are welcome. G.V. Krishna Prasad, Hon. Secretary, M: 7760907939

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KARNATAKA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

No.16 C-1, Millers Tank Bed Area, Vasanthanagara, Bengaluru-560052.

No:KERC/B/01/19/23/2702 Date: 02-02-2023

CORRIGENDUM

In the Public Hearing Notice dated 30-01-2023 issued by KERC the time indicated against **Sl.No. 8** may please be read as **10.00 AM** instead of 10.00 PM.

Sd/- Secretary

COAL INDIA LIMITED

A Maharatna Company

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Our clients viz., **1. Smt. SARSWATHAMMA,** aged about 63 years, **2. Sri. N. GOVINDARAJU,** aged about 45 years, **3. Sri. N. MANJUNATHA,** aged about 43 years, all are residing at Obalapura Village, Thyamagondlu Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District-562132 and **4. Smt. PADMAVATHI. N** wife of Sri. Mariraju. G.V., aged about 40 years, residing at No. 71, Geddalahalli Village, Madalakote Road, Near Govt. Primary School, Thyamagondlu Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District-562132 and all are wife and children of Late Narasimhaiah respectively have cancelled the General Power of Attorney dated 15.12.2020, registered on 16.12.2020, vide document No. NMG-4-00305/2020-21 of Book-I, stored in CD No. NMGD965, registered in the office of the sub-registrar, Nelamangala executed in favour of **Sri. U. RAJESH KARANTH** son of Shri. Narasimha Karanth, residing at No. 1/50, 'Anantha Nilaya', Near Gopala Krishna Temple, Uppinakudru, Udupi, Udupi Taluk, Udupi District-576230 on 01.02.2023 and terminated, revoked, withdrawn every right, power and authority expressly or impliedly thereby given in respect of the Schedule Property herein below shown and hence the General Public are hereby warned not to transact with Sri. U. RAJESH KARANTH on the aforesaid General Power of Attorney dated 15.12.2020 in respect of the Schedule Property, if anybody transacts or deals with Sri. U. RAJESH KARANTH under the General Power of Attorney dated 15.12.2020 in respect of the Schedule Property from 01.02.2023 onwards our clients will not be held responsible/liable in any manner for any losses or damages caused thereto as an owners thereof.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of **Agricultural land bearing Survey No. 45/p15, presently Sy. No. 45 of Obalapura Village, Thyamagondlu Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, measuring 2 Acres** and bounded on the: **East by:** Land belonging to Shri. Narasimhaiyappa, **West by:** Land belonging to Shri. Gangaiah, **North by:** Land belonging to Shri. Ramaiah, **South by:** Land belonging to Shri. Narasimhaiah.

Sd/-

For **ELiiTE ASSOCiiATES**
G. Ramakrishna, Advocate,
No.110, 2nd Floor, 2nd 'A' Main, 1st Cross, RHCS Layout, Annapoorneshwari Nagar, Bengaluru-560 091.
Mob: 97400 00352, Ph: 080-23185483
Bengaluru Date: 01.02.2023

IN THE COURT OF ADDL. DISTRICT JUDGE NO. 5, KAMRUP (METRO)
(NOTICE UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 CPC)
Misc(Probate) Case No. 34/2020

Parananda Roy Paul & another..... **Petitioners**

Vs

Papiya Dutta..... **Respondent**

Smti. Papiya Dutta
W/o Sri Prabir Dutta,
R/o Flat No.2, Vignesh Height, 2nd Cross, Canara Bank Colony, Nagarbhavi, Banglore- 560072.

Take notice that the above Testamentary application for grant of probate has been filed by the petitioners in respect to last WILL and testament of deceased Late Pratul Ch. Roy.

Be present on 04-03-2023 in person or through your duly engaged counsel failing which the matter will be decided in your absence.

Seal & Sd/-
ADDL. DISTRICT JUDGE
NO. 5, KAMRUP (M) Guwahati

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client **Sri. Arvind A Pol,** S/o. Sri. Appu Rao **Aadhar No. 2022 1138 0355** residing at House No.33, 9th Cross, Near Mookabika School, N.R.Colony, Bangalore-560019, intends to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Property from its owner **Sri. Narayanappa** S/o Late Munichannappa & his wife **Smt. Kavellamma** & his children **Smt. Savita** & **Sri. Jagadish,** residing at House No.34, Thitahalli, Gollahali, Kumblagodu, Bangalore-560060, who acquired through the Partition deed No.510/2003-2004, Book-I, Volume 1563, Pages 200 to 207 registrered in the office of the Sub Registrar- Maluru. Any interested/ affected person/s claiming or asserting his/her/their any kind of right, title,interest, ownership,charge, Litigation or demand of any nature whatsoever in or upon the Schedule Property or any part thereof, must notify the undersigned/ may contact at the office address given below in writing with documentary proof there of pertains to the Schedule Property within **30 DAYS** from the date of this publication, failing which such calim shall be considered to have been unconditionally waived &/of given up and our client shall be entitled to complete any transaction in respect of the Schedule Property or any part thereof. objections &/or claims received after the expiry of the stipulated above shall not binding on our client.

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MAHESHA HK, ADVOCATE
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Office of the Executive Engineer, MPED - C,
Annex-2 Building Ground Floor, BBMP Head Office Premises, N.R. Square, Bengaluru-560 002

No:EE/MPED-C/TEND/14/2022-23 Date: 02.02.2023

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)
(Through **GOK e-Procurement Portal** only)
(Single & Two Cover System)

The Executive Engineer, MPED-C, BBMP, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible Tenderers for the construction of works detailed in the table below.

Name of the Works	Approx. Amount put to Tender (₹ in Lakhs)	EMD (in ₹)
Formation of Media Centre BBMP Head Office Ward No-110 (2nd Phase) (Two Cover System)	251.55	3,78,000/-
Construction of Pourakarmikara Bhavana in Head Office Premises (Two Cover System)	146.59	2,20,000/-
Providing Water Supply Line and Improvements to Sanitary line at Cellar Floor of Council building in HO Premises (Single Cover System)	38.70	77,500/-

Calendar of Events : (1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka from **03.02.2023.** (2) Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before **12.02.2023** at **5:30** pm. (3) Pre-Bid Meeting will be held in the Office of the Chief Engineer (Projects Central) 4th Floor, Annex-3 building, BBMP Head Office premises, N.R. Square, Benglauru - 560 002 on **09.02.2023** at **4:30** pm. (4) Last date for receipt of queries is **08.02.2023** before **5:30** pm. (5) Technical Bids will be opened in the Office of the Executive Engineer, MPED-C division on **13.02.2023** at **5:30** pm. (6) This tender notice can also be seen on the BBMP Website: **www.bbmp.gov.in**. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours on working days or from website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** **Sd/- Executive Engineer, MPED-Central**

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE MARKET COMMITTEE, AFZALPUR-585301

E-mail : apmcafzalpur@gmail.com Office Ph: 08470-283050

No.AMD/APMC/AFZ/442/2022-23 Dated: 01-02-2023

BRIEF E-TENDER NOTICE

Tender is invited through e-procurement website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in as per conditions of Standard Tender Documents KW-3 (with latest amendments) from eligible Contractors registered in Kamataka Public Works Department for various development works under Annual Action Plan for the year of 2022-23 of Agricultural Produce Market Committee. Afzalpur Details are as below.

1) Commencement date for submission of Tender. **02-02-2023, 11:00 Am,** 2) Date of pre-bid meeting : **16-02-2023 at 11:00 AM,** 3) Last date for receipt of filed Tender : **20-02-2023 up to 4:00 PM** 4) Date of opening the Technical Bid : **23-02-2023 at 4:00 PM,** 5) Date of opening the Financial Bid (if possible) : **28-02-2023 at 11:00 AM,** 6) Place of opening the Bid: Agricultural Produce Market Committee Afzalpur.

1) Details of work: Undertaking various development works in Main Market Afzalpur. 2) Tender type Itemwar, e-Tender, KW-3, 3) Tender Amount Rs. **83,27,473/- (Exclusive of G.S.T),** 4) E.M.D : Rs 1,66,550/-, 5) Period for Completion: 5 ½ Months (Excluding Rainy Season), 6) Eligibility of Contractors : Class 1 (Civil) Registered in Public Works Department, 7) Cost of Tender can be obtained from the Office on other than holidays of from **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Secretary
APMC, Afzalpur

Sd/- Administrator
APMC, Afzalpur

DIP/Kalaburagi/1211/MC&A/2022-23

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
VILLUPURAM MUNICIPALITY

Roc No:515/2023/H1 **Tender Notice (Two cover system - Online)** Dated: 31.01.2023

Government of Tamil Nadu sanctioned an Selection of Service Provider / Agency / Contractor / Company for Implementation of Solid waste Management activities in Villupuram Municipality in Villupuram District for the period of Three years. Under this scheme the Municipal Commissioner, Villupuram invites sealed bids from the eligible and qualified contractors for the following works as detailed in the table given below:

Sl. No	Estimate Amount	Tender document available from	Tender Opening
1	**Rs.786.17 Lakhs (per year)**	**03.02.2023 (10.00 Am)**	**07.03.2023 at 3.30 Pm**

Pre-Bid conference **15.02.2023** at **11.00 AM** in the office of Villupuram Municipality. tender document and schedule available in **https://tntenders.gov.in, www.tenders.tn.gov.in** can be downloaded at free of cost from **03.02.2023.** The Bidding document will be received by the Commissioner, Villupuram by way of e-submission also in 2 cover system up to **07.03.2023,** 3.00 PM Earnest Money Deposit, 1% of the value of work should be submitted along with the tender. If e-tender, the EMD should be dropped in the tender box before closure time, i.e. at **3.00PM** on **07.03.2023.** Evaluation of bids will be done as per Tender Transparency Act 1998 of Government of TamilNadu and rules there us. If the said tender date happens to be a holiday, the tenders will be opened on the next working day. The Municipal Commissioner reserves the rights to accept or reject any bidding document at any time without assigning any reason there of. Eligibility criteria and other details can be had from the Bidding document. For other details contact e-mail address: **commr.villupuram@tn.gov.in**

DIPR/707/TENDER/2023 **Commissioner, Villupuram Municipality.**

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PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, CHRISTY, S/o. Murugan, r/at No.43, 20th Cross, Old Bagalur Layout, Near Nirmala School, Lingarajapuram, Bengaluru - 560084 have changed my name as Christy Murugan vide affidavit dtd 01.02.2023 sworn before Notary B.Seshagiri, Bluru

WE, KUMARAN S and Gowthami.R, R/o # 418, DS Max Susheela Scion Apartments, Hennur, Bangalore-560043, have changed our minor son's name from Thanveer. G.K to Adheeran Thanveer. G. K Vide Affidavit Dated-01-02-2023 before Notary Anand Kumar J, Bangalore- 560027

I, JUSTIN Antonio Lawrence, S/o Jack Lawrence, R/a #321, 16th Cross, Govindapura, Arabic College Post, Bengaluru-560045 have changed my name to Justin Lawrence vide affidavit dt: 01.02.2023 sworn before Notary Gangaraju.B.N, B'lore

I, SHIVA KUMAR K M K, R/a #1432, 2nd Main, St.Thomas Town Post, Kacharakanahalli, Bengaluru-560084 have changed the name of my Minor Son from Ryan Renard to Ryan Renard Shiva Kumar vide affidavit dated: 02/02/2023 sworn before Notary Sivakumara.M.N, Bengaluru

I, ARUN KUMAR.N, S/o Narayan Rao.V, R/at No.91/117, 1st Main Road, 4th Cross, Bhovipalya, Mahalakshmipuram, Bangalore-560086, have changed my name from Arun Kumar.N to Gagan.N vide affidavit dated 30/01/2023 before Notary V. Rajashekhara, Bangalore.

I AKASH Kumar Nahata, S/o. Mr. Prakash Kumar Nahata, Residing at No. E 708, Park West Apartment, Tower 2, Binnypet, Bengaluru-560023 do solemnly affirm that I was previously called Akash Nahata, have changed my name to Akash Kumar Nahata Affidavit Dt. 23.1.2023 sworn before notary L. Shankaranarayana Bengaluru-560050. Reg. No. 6312

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FORM III-A
IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU
WRIT PETITION NO. 32002/2018 [KLR-RES]
[Notice under Rule 13(a) proviso]

PETITIONERS: 1. SMT RATHNAMMA W/o Ramakrishna, Aged about 63 years, R/of Singhahalli Village, Jala Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru District-560129. And another. By Sri. PRUTHVI WODEYAR, (NOC), ADV.,

Vs

RESPONDENTS:
1. The State of Karnataka Department of Revenue, Ms Building, Dr. Ambedkar road, bengaluru-560001, Represented by its principal secretary. And 6 others.

TO Respondent Nos.: 4, 5 & 6
4. SRI HASAN AHAMED S/o Late Jabeer Ahamed, Age by major, R/at No.48, 2nd Main, 2nd Cross, New Kalasipalya, Bengaluru-560016.
5. SRI SAYED RASOOL S/o Late Syed Gafoor, Age by major, R/at No. 13, 1st Cross, Gowripalya, Bengaluru-560072.
6. SRI FAYAZ AHAMED KHAN S/o Late Jabbar Khan, Age by Major, R/at No.76, 2nd Main, 4th Cross, New Kalasipalya, Bengaluru-560016.

Whereas, a Writ Petition filed by the above named petitioner under Article 226 & 227 of the constitution of India, as in the copy annexed hereunto, has been registered by this Court.

Emergent Notice is hereby given to you to appear in this court in person or through an Advocate duly instructed or through some one authorised by law to act for you in this case, at 10.30 AM in the forenoon on **20.02.2023** to show cause why rule nisi should not be issued.

If you fail so to appear on the said date or any subsequent date to which the matter may be posted as directed by the Court, without any further notice, the petition will be dealt with, heard and decided on merits in your absence.

Issued under my hand and the seal of this Court on Friday, The 20th day of January 2023

By Order of the Court
S.R. JAYASHREE
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, KUMARI Sugumaran, w/o. Daniel Santosh D, r/at No.4, P N R Homes, No 101, 1st Floor, 6th Cross, Near Pius Church Kammanahalli Bengaluru 560084 have changed my name as Kumari Daniel Santosh vide affidavit dtd 10.01.2023 sworn before Notary Uday Kumar K, Bluru

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF 26 ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSION JUDGE, MAYOHALL, AT BANGALORE
O.S. No. 25880/2017 CCH : 20

BETWEEN :
ICICI Bank Ltd. ...Plaintiff
And
Mr. Govinda A.S. ...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

Mr. Govinda A.S.
S/o. Nagarathnamma, Aged about 40 years, Residing at No. 240, Pattalamma Layout, Kadugodi, Bangalore- 560067

Whereas, the Plaint is filed by the Plaintiff Bank, against the Defendant seeking Judgment and Decree for recovery of loan amount of Rs. 2,95,608.52 (Rupees Two Lakhs Ninety Five Thousand Six Hundred Eight and Paise Fifty Two Only) together with interest at the rate of 21% P.A. from the date of filing of the Suit to till the date of decree.

Hence, the Defendant hereby gave this notice to appear before the 26th Addl. City Civil and Session Judge, Mayohall at Bangalore Court (CCH : 20) on 04/03/2023 At 11:00 AM either personally or through his Counsel to answer to the Plaint failing which, the case will be heard and decided ex- parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the court this the 27th day of January, 2023.

By order of the Court,
Deputy Registrar
City Civil Court Mayohall (Unit) Bangalore

Plaintiff Counsel
M.G.C. & Co.,
Advocate and Solicitors,
No. 66, 4th Cross,
Xavier Layout,
Bangalore-560047.

PAPER PUBLICATION IN THE COURT OF THE LXIV ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-65)
O.S. NO. 7078/2021

Between :
M/s ICICI Bank Limited, having its registered office at : Landmark, Race-Course Circle, Vadodara- 390007, having its head office at and branch office at: 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanahalli, Hosur Main Road, Bengaluru-560068 through its Authorised representative.
Mr. Rohith Ali M. ...Plaintiff
And :
Mr. Arvind Raturi ...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF CPC

Defendant :
Mr. Arvind Raturi,
S/o. Sohan Lal Raturi,
Aged about 32 Years,
Residing at No. 41, 4th Floor, Door No. 01, 2nd Main, B.G. Cross, SRK Garden, Near Sagar Hospital, Jayanagar, Bengaluru-560041

Whereas the plaintiff above named has instituted the above suit for recovery of money for sum of Rs. 5,61,828.01/- along with interest at the rate of 15% P.A. against you, and you are summoned to appear before the LXIV Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge at Bengaluru (C.C.H.65), in person or by a pleader on the day of **16/02/2023** at 11:00 A.M. to answer the claim, failing to which the suit would be disposed of Ex-Parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this the18th day of January, 2023 at Bangalore.

By order of the Court,
Assistant Registrar,
Hon'ble City Civil Court,
Bengaluru

Advocate for Plaintiff
B.S. Jeevan Kumar
Vidhii Partners, Advocates,
No. 701, Queens Corner 'A', 3, Queens Road,
Bengaluru- 01

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE 73rd ADDL' CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-74)
O.S. NO. 26758/2022

Between
ICICI Bank Limited, Having its Registered office at Land Mark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai - 400 051 and its branch office at Mystree Centre, # 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore - 560 068 Represented by its POA Holder Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa ...**Plaintiff**
And
Ms. Shaista Rehman ...**Defendant**

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Ms. Shaista Rehman,
D/o Mr. Rehman Khan,
Aged about 28 years,
No.14, 1st Cross,
Old Pension, Mohalla,
Mysore Road, Chamarajpet,
Barline, Urdu school,
Bangalore - 560 018

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of Rs. 4,79,093/- (Rupees Four Lakh Seventy Nine Thousand Ninety Three Only) together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. the above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 73rd Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH - 74) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on 07-03-2023 at 11:00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this. 31-012023

BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT
DEPUTY REGISTRAR,
CITY CIVIL COURT,
MAYOHALL UNIT,
BANGALORE

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
SA Associates,
No.10, 7th Cross,
Victoria Layout,
Bangalore - 560 047

IN THE COURT OF THE LXVIII ADDL CITY CIVIL JUDGE (CCH-69) AT BANGALORE ORIGINAL SUIT NO. 2505 OF 2021

BETWEEN :
A body corporate incorporated And registered under the Indian Companies Act, 1956 and licensed As a Bank under the Banking Regulation Act 1949 having Registered Office at : "Landmark", Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390007, And having its Regioal office at ICICI Bank Ltd., 4/10, 1st Floor, Mythree Tower, Bommanahalli, Hosur Road, Bangalore- 560 068 and Represented by its POA holder and Collection Manager Mr. Pramodh G, S/o. Gurumallappa, Age: 45 Years. ...PLAINTIFF

AND
Mr. Bandi Vishnu Vardhan ...DEFENDANT

Summons to the defendant by way of paper publication

To,
Defendant :
Mr. Bandi Vishnu Vardhan,
Aged about 31 years,
Son of Bandi Venkateshwaralu,
R/at. 34, V Rassiyamani, 2nd Floor, 3rd Cross, Behind HP Gas Godown, Opp. Kalamandir, BBMP Ward No. 82, Bangalore- 560037

Whereas the Plaintiff above named has filed a suit under Order VII Rule 1 of the Civil Procedure Code for recovery of **Rs. 10,87,644/- (Rupees Ten Lakhs Eighty Seven Thousand Six Hundred And Forty Four Only)** together with interest at the rate 18% p.a. from date of due to till the date of realization. You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court (CCH-69), in person or by a pleader on the **24th day of February, 2023** at **11:00 am** to show cause against the suit, and failing wherein the suit will be heard and determined exparte.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court this 21st day of January, 2023.

By order of the Court
Asst. Registrar,
City Civil Court
Bangalore

Advocates for Plaintiff
S.M. ANEES AHAMED,
B.M. KUSHALAPPA,
Advocates,
No. 4 (10/2), West Park Road,
Kumara Park East,
Bangalore- 560001.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE 11th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE (CCH-8) AT BANGALORE ORIGINAL SUIT NO. 8226 OF 2017 Hg. 20/04/2023

BETWEEN :
ICICI Bank Ltd,
A body corporate incorporated And registered under the Indian Companies Act, 1956 and licensed As a Bank under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 having Registered Office at : "Landmark", Race Course Circle, Vadodara -390007, And having its Branch office at ICICI Bank Ltd., 11th Floor, C Wing, Mittal Tower, MG Road, Bangalore - 560 001 and represented by its POA holder and Collection Manager Mr. Vishal Shakla, S/o. Vijay Kumar Shukla, Age : 42 Years. ...**PLAINTIFF**
AND :
Mr. Mukesh Kumar Bharthi ...**DEFENDANT**

Summons to the defendant by way of paper publication

To,
Defendant :
Mr. Mukesh Kumar Bharthi,
Aged about 33 years,
Son of Rajkumar Yadav,
R/at.# 503, 2nd Floor,
8th B Main, 4th Block,
Near TOTAL Mall,
Koramangala,
Bangalore-560037.

Whereas the Plaintiff above named has filed a suit under Order VII Rule 1 of the Civil cProcedure Code for recovery of Rs.4,70,158/- (Rupees Four Lakhs Seventy Thousand One Hundred And Fiftey Eight Only) together with interest at the rate 18% p.a. from date of due to till the date of realization. You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court (CCH 08), in person or by a pleader on the 20th day of April 2023 at 11.00 am to show cause against the suit, and failing wherein the suit will be heard and determined as ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this the 23rd day of January, 2023.

By order of the Court,
Ass. Registrar,
City Civil Court, Bangalore

Advocate for Plaintiff
S.M. ANEES AHAMED
B.M. KUSHALAPPA
Advocates,
No.4 (10/2), West Park Road
Kumara Park East,
Bangalore- 560001.

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-2, B.S.N.L. BUILDING, 4TH FLOOR, TELEPHONE HOUSE, RAJBHAVAN ROAD, BENGALURU-560001
OA. NO. 1465/2019

BETWEEN :
ICICI BANK LTD.
Towers 1, Commissariat Road, Ground Floor, Bangalore- 560025 ...**APPLICANT**

AND:
1. M/s. Universal Publications Office at, No. 514, 5th Floor, 'B' Wing, Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore- 560001.
Rep by partners
1) Mr. Dilip Kumar Sitani.
2) Mrs.Raginee Sitani
2. Mr. Dilip Kumar Sitani, S/o. Mr. Ganesh Prasad Sitani, Residing at No. 502, 28th Main, 2nd Stage, 1st Phase, BTM Layout, Near Om Shakthi Temple, Bangalore- 560076 ...**DEFENDANTS**

NOTICE ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993

WHEREAS, the Applicant has instituted an application Under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against you for Recovery of a sum of **Rs. 27,33,547.35 (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakhs Thirty Three Thousand Five Hundred Forty Seven Only Paisa Thirty Five Only)** together with current and future interest and other relief's. The above Defendant is therefore, hereby directed to before the Tribunal in person or through an advocate or through authorized agents in support of their defence to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on **24/05/2023** at 10.30 A.M., as to why relief's prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your Given under my Hand and Seal of the Court this the **12th day** of **January, 2023.**

Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-2
Bangalore

IN THE COURT OF THE 73rd ADDL CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-74)
O.S. NO. 26789/2022

Between
ICICI Bank Limited, Having its Registered office at Land Mark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai-400 051 and its branch office at Mystree Centre, # 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560 068 Represented by its POA Holder Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa ...Plaintiff
And
Mr. Mohammed Younus Pasha ...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Mr. Mohammed Younus Pasha, S/o Mr. Abdul Pasha, Aged about 44 years, No.31, Venkatachalaiah Street, Bangalore- 560 052

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of **Rs.3,78,693/- (Rupees Three Lakh Seventy Eight Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Three Only)** together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 73rd Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH- 74) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on **13.03.2023** at **11:00 a.m.** failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this **31-01-2023.**

By Order of The Hon'ble Court
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayohall Unit, Bangalore

Advocate For Plaintiff
SA Associates,
No.10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore- 560 047

PAPER PUBLICATION IN THE COURT OF THE XVII ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-16)
O.S. NO. 6281/2021 Hg.20/02/2023

Between :
M/s ICICI Bank Limited, having its registered office at: Landmark, Race-Course Circle, Vadodara- 390007, having its head office at and branch office at: 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanahalli, Hosur Main Road, Bengaluru-560068 through its Authorised representative.
Mr. Rohith Ali M. ...**Plaintiff**
And :
Mr. Anthonymuthu ...**Defendant**

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF CPC

Defendant :
Mr. Anthonymuthu,
S/o. Chinnappa,
Aged about 27 Years,
R/at No. 5, Ganapati Nagar, Acharya College Main Road, Below Educadd Centre, Near Banyan Tree, Bengaluru- 560 107.

Whereas the plaintiff above named has instituted the above suit for recovery of money for sum of Rs. 4,60,256/- along with interest at the rate of 24% P.A. against you, and you are summoned to appear before the XVII Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge at Bengaluru (C.C.H.16), in person or by a pleader, on the day of 27/02/2023 at 11:00 A.M. to answer the claim, failing to which the suit would be disposed of Ex-Parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this the 20th day of January, 2023 at Bangalore.

By order of the Court,
Assistant Registrar,
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Rohan Estate, Pakshikere, Mangaluru

Rohan Square, Capitanio, Mangaluru

Rohan Estate, Kulshekar, Mangaluru

Public Notice

CRISIL LIMITED NOTICE OF LOSS OF SHARE CERTIFICATES

The following share certificate(s) of the company have been reported as lost/misplaced and the holder(s) of the said share certificate(s) have requested the company for issue of duplicate share certificate(s). Notice is hereby given that the company will proceed to issue duplicate share certificate(s) to the below mentioned person(s) unless a valid objection is received by the company within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. No claims will be entertained by the company with respect to the original share certificate(s) subsequent to the issue of duplicates thereof.

Name of Shareholder	Folio No	Certificate No	Distinctive Numbers From	To	No.of shares
Sundaramurthi.M	CRI011648	100158	175061	176060	1000

Any person who has/have a claim in respect of the said certificate(s) should lodge his/her/their claim with all supporting documents with the company at its registered office. If no valid and legitimate claim is received within 15 days from the appearance of this notice, the company will proceed to issue duplicate share certificate(s) to the person listed above and no further claim would be entertained from any other person(s)

Registered Office
CRISIL House, Central Avenue
Hiranandani Business Park, Powai
Mumbai - 400 076

Share Holder Address
Sundaramurthi.M
1014, 39th Cross, 2nd Block,
Rajajinagar Bangalore- 560010,
Mob: 9845286937

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No:SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(N)/EE(O)/AE/F-82(11)/22-23/12698-99 Date: 01.02.2023

Tender Notification (e-Procurement mode only)

KPTCL invites bids against enquiry no.: **KPTCL/SEE/TR(M)/ BMAZ(N)/ EE(O)/ AE/ 22-23/ EPR-25/ CALL-5 Dt:22.08.2022** for the work of **"Providing intermediate towers to existing towers of 66kV lines at 3 hazardous locations pertaining to TLM sub-division, KPTCL, Rajajinagar in TL&SS Division, SRS Peenya-Package-9"** coming under the jurisdiction of BMAZ North Circle, Bengaluru.

The detailed notification regarding the subject tenders can be got by logging **on or after 03.02.2023** to **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink **"e-Procurement-KPTCL"** or to **https://eproc. karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Elecl.,Tr(M), BMAZ, North Circle, KPTCL, Office Complex, Ground Floor, A.R. Circle, Bengaluru-09, Phone: 080-22386686/85.

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer, Project-East Division, 21st Floor, Nethaji Subhash Chandra Bose Building, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Bengaluru - 560001.

No: EE/P-E/Auction-1/2022-23 **Date: 02-02-2023**

E-AUCTION TENDER NOTIFICATION - (CALL-2)
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

The Executive Engineer, Project-East Division, BBMP, Bengaluru invites E-Auction Bids for Renting 8th, 13th, 19th and 24th Vacant Floors in Nethaji Subhash Chandra Bose (P.U.B), Mahatma Gandhi Road, Bengaluru - 560001 as per below Indent Nos. for the below Service through e-Procurement Portal conducted by Auction Management, e-Procurement Cell, Centre for e-Governance, Government of Karnataka. **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sl. No.	Indent Nos.	EMD Amount (in Rs.)	Tender Processing Fee (Rupees)
1	BBMP/2022-23/AUCTION140	50,000/-	As per e-Procurement Portal
2	BBMP/2022-23/AUCTION142	50,000/-	
3	BBMP/2022-23/AUCTION143	50,000/-	
4	BBMP/2022-23/AUCTION144	50,000/-	

Calendar of Events: The bid document is open to all in the e-Procurement Platform. The bid document can be downloaded from the e-Procurement Portal. **1)** Last Date for Participation in the Auction: **15-02-2023, 16.00 Hrs. 2)** Live Auction Bidding Start and End Date & Time: **17-02-2023 from 11.00 to 16.00 Hrs.** Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Project-East Division, BBMP.

Government of Karnataka

Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Mandya

No. 17/2022-2023 Dated: 31-01-2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION FOR Improvements / Construction to road/ Buildings works in Mandya District

Tender in One / Two cover system is invited from qualified Eligible contractors for the works pertaining to **Mandya Division** through e-procurement portal as per Standard bid document KW- 1,2,3 & 4. The eligible contractors can participate in this tender through e-procurement portal **http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** Pre-bid Meeting only for KW-4, Works will be held on 09-02-2023. [More than 100.00 Lakhs only] at 11.00 am in the Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Mandya. Documents may be downloaded from 06-02-2023. Last date for Queries 13-02-2023 upto 4.00 pm, Last date for submission of tender 14-02-2023 upto 4.30 pm, Date of opening Technical bid 15-02-2023 at 5.00 pm onwards, Financial bid upto Rs. 50.00 Lakhs will be opened on 15-02-2023 at 5.00 pm onwards or next Office working days. Financial bid Above Rs. 50.00 Lakhs will be opened on 17-02-2023 at 11.00 am onwards or next Office working day. Tender Processing Fees as per E-Procurement & Duration including Monsoon 2/3/4/9 months, Number of works: 63, Estimate Amount Maximum **Rs. 500.00** Lakhs, Minimum **Rs. 6.25** Lakhs, EMD as per E-Procurement. For more information contact the above office during Office Hours.

Henceforth, any changes in the schedule / contents will not be published through newspapers and further changes will be updated only in e-procurement portal.

Sd/- EE., PWD Division, Mandya

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Public Works Department
Executive Engineer PWD Division Chikkodi

No/PWD/CKD DIV/AE-3/TENDER/2022-23/6990 DATE: 01/02/2023

Short Term E-Tender Notification

Executive Engineer PWD Division Chikkodi has invited item wise short term e-Tenders from Eligible registered contractors for the works coming under the jurisdiction of Chikodi PWD Division 6 works under head of account 3054-SH Maintenance and 1 work under head of account 2059-PW Buildings Maints, Totally 7 No. of works. Amount put to tender is minimum of Rs. 5.19 Lakhs and maximum of Rs. 160.83 Lakhs.

Calendar of events for the work at Sl No. 5 & 7: 1)Pre-bid meeting date: 06-02-2023 at 11.00 AM, at The O/o the under signed. 2)Last date for queries & clarifications : 07-02-2023 up to 5.30 PM, 3)Last Date of Receipt of Bids : 09-02-2023 up to 5.00 PM, 4)Date of opening of Technical bids (Two Cover System): 13-02-2023 at 4.30 PM, 5)Date of opening of Financial bids (Two Cover System):"after approval of Technical bids"

Calendar of events for the work at Sl No. 1 to 4 & 6:1)Last date for queries & clarifications : 17-02-2023 up to 5.30 PM, 2)Last Date of Receipt of Bids : 20-02-2023 up to 5.00 PM, 3)Date of opening of Financial bids (Single Cover System): 22-02-2023 at 4.30 PM, 4)Date of opening of Technical bids (Two Cover System): 22-02-2023 at 4.30 PM, 5)Date of opening of Financial bids (Two Cover System): "after approval of Technical bids"

For more information & forms of tender can be downloaded from www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in & departmental web site www.kpwd.gov.in. Further details can be collected from O/o Executive Engineer Public Works Dept.,Division Chikkodi during working hours.

DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-1661/KSMCA/2022-23

Sd/-Executive Engineer PWD Division Chikodi.

Karnataka State

Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Shimoga Division, Shimoga

No.EE/PWD/Smg/JE-3/IFT-63/2022-23 Dtd: 01-02-2023

Short term Tender Notification

Tender invited thro' E-Procurement (http://eproc. karnataka.gov.in) for the below Indents by PWD Class-1 Contractors. For needful information please contact Office P.No. 08182-274942 and Helpdesk Ph Nos. 080-25501216/ 080-25501227)

4059-80-051-0-29-422 SCP: Sagara 1 Work (Indent No. 163891)

Tender documents down loading & submission dates: SI No.1 Works date: 02-02-2023 to 16-02-2023

Period for completion of works: 11 Months (Including Monsoon).

Sd/-EE, PW Dept Division, Shimoga

DIPR/smg/no.28/02/22-23/1818

Government of Karnataka Zilla Panchayath, Chitradurga

Panchayath Raj Engineering Division, Chitradurga

No. P.R.E.D./CD/EE/TS/Tender/2022-23/3835 Date:01.02.2023

Short-Term Tender Notice

(Through e-Procurement Portal Only)

Short-Term Tender is invited for 09 works approved under various schemes in the limits of Panchayat Raj Engineering Division, Chitradurga of Chitradurga District and Approx. Amount of Tender Minimum Rs. 7.00 lakhs, Maximum Rs. 55.60 lakhs and dates are as below: (1) Last date and time for obtaining information regarding the Tender 07.02.2023 : 16.00 Hrs. (2) Last date and time for submission of Tender 08.02.2023 : 16.01 Hrs. (3) Date and time for opening Technical Bid 09.02.2023 : 16.02 Hrs. (4) Date and time for opening Financial Bid 10.02.2023 : 16.03 Hrs. For further information regarding the Tender visit website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in or contact e-proc Help Desk Phone No.: 080-25501216, 080-22501227 or phone no.: 08194-222372, Executive Engineer, P.R.E. Division, Chitradurga during office hours.

RO.No.944:DIPR/CTA/ KSMCA/2022-23

Sd/- Executive Engineer P.R.E. Division, Chitradurga

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, SPECIAL DIVISION, HUNSUR

PWD Special Division, Hunsur.

IFT No.18/2022-23 **Date:30.01.2023**

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-procurement)

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka the undersigned has invited itemised tender as per terms and conditions of "standard tender documents" for **CONSTRUCTION OF DR.B.R. AMBEDKAR BHAVANA IN K.R.NAGARA TOWN, MYSURU DISTRICT,** under 8443 scheme from the eligible registered contactors under PWD through e-procurement. Amount put to tender Rs.160.83 Lakhs EMD amount Rs. 2.42 Lakhs. Last date for submission of filled tender documents is **06-02-2023 upto 16.00 Hours.** Period for completion of works (including monsoon): 11 months. Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement **website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** From **30-01-2023.** For more details visit the undersigned during office working hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD, Special Division, Hunsur

DIPR/MYS/KAVITA/958/2022-23

KPC GAS POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

(A Subsidiary of Karnataka Power Coporation Ltd.,)
Yelahanka Combined Cycle Power Plant
CIN: U40102KA1996SGC020337

No.: KPCL/2022-23/PS/WORK_INDENT 13407 **Date: 25.01.2023**

ABSTRACT BID NOTIFICATION

(Two Cover System) (Through e-Procurement Portal Only)

Bids are invited from the qualified bidders for the work of "Comprehensive Operation & Maintenance of Solar PV equipments along with grid connecting equipments & Balance of Plant systems of 10 MW Chandapur Solar PV Plant at Shiggoan Taluk, Haveri District including maintenance of 33kV transmission line up to 110/33/11kV Shiggoan Sub-station with a distance of 9.5Km for a period of five years". The details of NIT, brief bid notification and Tender documents may be downloaded from GoK e-procurement website: **https:/eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** Last date for submission of bids through e-portal: **09.02.2023 upto 16:00 Hrs.** Further details can be had from the office of the **Chief Engineer (O&M), YCCPP, KPCL, # 3, Green Building, Second Floor, Palace Road, Bengaluru - 560 001.** Mobile Nos.: **+91 9141607685 / 9480682821,** E-mail: **cegswkpcl@gmail.com / eegswsolar@gmail.com**, Website: **www.kpcl.karnataka.gov.in.**

Government of Karnataka

Public Works Department Office of the Executive Engineer, Davanagere Division, Davanagere.

Notice No.: IFT-46/JE/2022-23/3273 Date: 01.02.2023

e-Procurement Tender Notice

Ref: Tender Notice No. of this office: EE/DDD/ IFT-46/2022-23 Date: 01.02.2023

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, the undersigned invites Tenders in two cover system through e-procurement portal of GoK as per KTPP Act 2000 and Standard Tender Document Rules for works KW-4 related to Channagiri Taluk in the limits of Public Works Department, Davanagere Division from eligible Tenderers registered in Karnataka Public Works Department. CONSTRUCTION OF DR.B.R.AMBEDKAR RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL AT THYAVANAGI HOBLI in Kariganuru Village CHANNAGIRI TALUK, DAVANAGERE DISTRICT. (163834) Rs. 1292.85 lakhs.

Last Date for receipt of Tenders for works: 17.02.2023 up to 4.00 PM. Date of opening the Tender: 20.02.2023 up to 4.30 PM. Further details can be obtained from the above office during office hours (Phone: 08192-234951, 231530) or website: http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in

ವಾಸಾಇ/ಡಿವಿಜಿ/865/ ಕೆಸ್ಎಂಸಿಎ/2022–23

Sd/- Executive Engineer PWD, Davanagere

ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರ ಕಚೇರಿ
ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರು ಮತ್ತು ನೈರ್ಮಲ್ಯ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆ.

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : ಗ್ರಾ.ಕು.ನೀ.ಮತ್ತುನೈ.ವಿ./ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆ/ ಪಿಬಿ–1/ಟೆಂಡರ್/2022–23/2630 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 01–02–2023

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಮಾನ್ಯ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ **ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ** ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರ, **ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರು ಮತ್ತು ನೈರ್ಮಲ್ಯ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆ** ರವರಿಂದ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರು ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ವಿವರ ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತಿದೆ.

Badami Taluka : 1) Indent No - 55415 (Multi Village Drinking Water Supply Scheme to 29 Enroute Habitations of Badami Taluk under Badami - Kerur Town KUWS&DB Project in Bagalkot District on DBOT basis under Jal Jeevan Mission) 5314.02 Lakhs.

1) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಬೆಲೆ ಮತ್ತು ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. ಮೊತ್ತ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪ್ರಕಾರ. 2) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಫಾರಂ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಅಂತಿಮ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 15–02–2023 ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 5.30 ಗಂಟೆಯ ವರೆಗೆ. 3) ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಅಂತರ್ಜಾಲದಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಡಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ವಿಳಾಸ **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರರು, ಗ್ರಾ.ಕು.ನೀ.&ನೈ. ವಿಭಾಗ, ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆ.

ಡಿಪಿಆರ್/ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟ/835/ಮಣಿಪಾಲ್/2022–23

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ

ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಪಂಚಾಯತ್, ರಾಮನಗರ

ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಕುಟುಂಬ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿ
ರಾಮನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ – 562159.

Ph : 080-29576058 **Email : dhoramanagaram@gmail.com**

ಸಂ: ಜಿಆಕುಕ/ರಾ/ಸರಬ/17/2022–23 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 01–02–2023

ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ (E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTIFICATION)

ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಕುಟುಂಬ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ರಾಮನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಅಧೀನದ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆಗಳಿಗೆ ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ಉಪಕರಣಗಳನ್ನು ಖರೀದಿಸಲು ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಮರು ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಹೊರಡಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ (KTPP) 1999 ನಿಯಮಗಳು 2000ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಇ–Procurement ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಪಡೆಯುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ.

1.	ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ	ದಿನಾಂಕ : 01/02/2023
2.	ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಫಾರಂ ಅಪ್ ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಲು ಪ್ರಾರಂಭಿಸುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ	ದಿನಾಂಕ : 01/02/2023
3.	ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಫಾರಂ ಅಪ್ ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ	ದಿನಾಂಕ : 09/02/2023 ರ ಸಂಜೆ 17:30 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ
4.	ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಲಕೋಟೆ ತೆರೆಯುವ ಸ್ಥಳ, ವೇಳೆ ಮತ್ತು ದಿನಾಂಕ	ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಕುಟುಂಬ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿ, ರಾಮನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 11/02/2023ರ ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11:00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ
5.	ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನೊಂದಿಗೆ ಪಾವತಿಸಬೇಕಾದ ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. ಮೊತ್ತ	ರೂ. 1,58,000/–
6.	ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ ಒಟ್ಟು ಮೊತ್ತ	ರೂ. 63,00,000/–
7.	ವ್ಯವಹರಿಸಬೇಕಾದ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿ ಹಾಗೂ ವಿಳಾಸ	ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಕುಟುಂಬ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿ, ರಾಮನಗರ, ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸುವುದು.

ಸಹಿ/– ಸದಸ್ಯ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಗಳು,
ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಮಿತಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಕುಟುಂಬ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು, ರಾಮನಗರ

Chikmagalur Urban Development Authority

Hiremagaluru Residential Layout, First Stage, Hiremagaluru – Kadur Bypass Road, Kalyan Nagar, Chikkamagaluru-577102.

Ph:08262-295712 Website:www.chikmagalur.uda.gov.in E-mail:cmr_cudackm@yahoo.in

No: CUDA/ ILRO: Package 1-3: 2022-23/2380 Date: 01.02.2023

Short term tender notification (LUMPSUM CONTRACT)

The Commissioner Chikkamagaluru Development Authority, Chikkamagaluru inviting tender in e-portal http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in from eligible contractors in Accordance with KTPP Act for the following works.

Sl. No. 1. Name of Work: Site Development, Construction of Road & Drains for the proposed Residential Layout Scheme in Indaavara Village of Kasaba Hobli of Chikkamagaluru Taluk, Under package-1 (UDD/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT1866) **Estimated Cost Lakhs:** 4200

Sl. No. 2. Name of Work: Site Development, Construction of Road & Drains for the proposed Residential Layout Scheme in Indaavara Village of Kasaba Hobli of Chikkamagaluru Taluk, Under package-2 (UDD/2022-23/RD/WORK INDENT1865 **Estimated Cost Lakhs:** 3950

Sl. No. 3. Name of Work: Site Development, Construction of Road & Drains & Construction of Storm Water Drains to valleys for the proposed Residential Layout Scheme in Indaavara Village, Kasaba Hobli, Chikkamagaluru Taluk, Under package-3 (UDD/2022-23/RD/WORK _INDENT 1867) **Estimated Cost Lakhs:** 4900

Last date for clarification/quaries for tenders : 14-02-2023 16.00 hours

Pre bid Meeting @ Chikkamagaluru Urban Development Authority, Chikkamagaluru.: 15-02-2023 15.00 hours. **Last date for submission for tenders :** 21-02-2023 16.00 hours. **Opening of technical bids:** 23-02-2023 16.30 hours **Opening of financial bids :** After approval of technical bid

Sd/- Commissioner
Chikamagalur Urban Development Authority
Chikkamagaluru.

Sd/- President
Chikamagalur Urban Development Authority
Chikkamagaluru.

DIPR/ckm/No.269/mca/22-23/1823

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜನೀಯರರು, ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ವಿಭಾಗ ಕಾರವಾರ

ಸಂ: ಕಾ.ನಿ.ಇಂ./ಲೋ.ಇ.ವಿ,ಕಾ/ಪಿ.ಬಿ–2/ಮರು ಟೆಂಡರ.ಪ್ರ– 13/2022–23/4806 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 30–01–2023

ಮರು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ)

ಉಲ್ಲೇಖ: ಈ ಕಚೇರಿ ಟೆಂಡರ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಪತ್ರ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ :13/2022–23/1403 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 28.07.2022

ಉಲ್ಲೇಖದ ಈ ಕಚೇರಿಯ ಪತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದ್ದ Construction of Road Manki Pattan Panchayat NH 66 to Manki Mavinkatte Via Bansale in Honavar Taluka UK District under H/Ac 5054-MDR Improvements During 2021-22 KPWD/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT152359 ರೂ. 211.69 ಲಕ್ಷದ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಟೆಂಡರನ ಮರು ಟೆಂಡರ ಕರೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕದ ವಿವರ ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತಿದೆ.

(1) ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ ವಿಚಾರಣೆಗೆ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿ: 07.02.2023 16.30 ಗಂಟೆ ವರೆಗೆ (2) ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿ: 08.02.2023 16.30 ಗಂಟೆ ವರೆಗೆ (3) ಟೆಂಡರನ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿ: 09.02.2023 17.00 ಗಂಟೆ ವರೆಗೆ (4) ಟೆಂಡರನ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿ: 10.02.2023 17.00 ಗಂಟೆ ವರೆಗೆ

ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜನೀಯರರು ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ ವಿಭಾಗ ಕಾರವಾರ ಇವರ ಕಛೇರಿಗೆ ಕೆಲಸದ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

ಸಹಿ/. ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಕಾರವಾರ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಕಾರವಾರ

DIPR/ADK/KSMCA/904/22-23 dt.31.01.2023

Karnataka Urban Water Supply & Drainage Board Office of the Chief Engineer

Jalamandali Compound, Sir.M. Vishveshvarayya Road,Dharwad-580 001 E-mail: kwbcen@gmail.com
Tel No: 0836-2447090

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-Procurement Portal only)

Tenders for the following works are invited (two cover system) through e-Procurement portal (https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in) from the eligible Agency / contractors who satisfy the Technical & Financial eligibility criteria. **This office Tender Notification No: 2222, Dated: 31-01-2023.**

1) Providing Water Supply Improvements to Khanapur town under AMRUT 2.0 including Operation & Maintenance for a Period of 5 Years (Including 1 year DLP) through Design, Build, Operation and Transfer (DBOT) Mode. (Lumpsum Tender – No Variation). **WORK_INDENT/3297. (2)** Remodeling of Water supply distribution system to M K Hubballi town under AMRUT 2.0 including Operation & Maintenance for a Period of 5 Years (Including 1 year DLP) through Design, Build, Operation and Transfer (DBOT) Mode. (Lumpsum Tender – No Variation). **WORK_INDENT/3298. (3)** Providing Water Supply Distribution System to Aminagad Town under AMRUT 2.0 including Operation & Maintenance for a Period of 5 Years (Including 1 year DLP) through Design, Build, Operation and Transfer (DBOT) Mode. (Lumpsum Tender – No Variation). **WORK_INDENT/3299. (4)** Improvements of Water Supply Scheme to Ainapur Town under AMRUT 2.0 including Operation & Maintenance for a Period of 5 Years (Including 1 year DLP) through Design, Build, Operation and Transfer (DBOT) Mode. (Lumpsum Tender – No Variation). **WORK_INDENT/3300. (5)** Improvements of Water supply system to Examba Town under AMRUT 2.0 including Operation & Maintenance for a Period of 5 Years (Including 1 year DLP) through Design, Build, Operation and Transfer (DBOT) Mode. (Lumpsum Tender – No Variation). **WORK_INDENT/3301. (6)** Providing water supply distribution system to Savanur Town Under AMRUT 2.0 including Operation & Maintenance for a Period of 5 Years (Including 1 year DLP) through Design, Build, Operation and Transfer (DBOT) Mode. (Lumpsum Tender – No Variation). **WORK_INDENT/3302. (7)** Remodeling of Water Supply Distribution system to Alamela Town under AMRUT 2.O including Operation & Maintenance for a Period of 5 Years (Including 1 year DLP) through Design, Build, Operation and Transfer (DBOT) Mode. (Lumpsum Tender – No Variation). **WORK_INDENT/3303. (8)** Remodeling of Water Supply Distribution System to Tandas in Ward No. 20, 22 and 23 of Indi town under AMRUT 2.0 including Operation & Maintenance for a Period of 5 Years (Including 1 year DLP) through Design, Build, Operation and Transfer (DBOT) Mode. (Lumpsum Tender – No Variation). **WORK_INDENT/3304. (9)** Providing Water Supply Improvements to Nalatwad town under AMRUT 2.0 including Operation & Maintenance for a Period of 5 Years (Including 1 year DLP) through Design, Build, Operation and Transfer (DBOT) Mode. (Lumpsum Tender – No Variation). **WORK_INDENT/3305. (10)** Providing Water Supply distribution system to Athani town under AMRUT 2.0 including Operation & Maintenance for a Period of 5 Years (Including 1 year DLP) through Design, Build, Operation and Transfer (DBOT) Mode. (Lumpsum Tender – No Variation). **WORK_INDENT/3306. (11)** Providing water supply distribution network to uncovered areas of Kerur town under AMRUT 2.0 including Operation & Maintenance for a Period of 5 Years (Including 1 year DLP) through Design, Build, Operation and Transfer (DBOT) Mode. (Lumpsum Tender – No Variation). **WORK_INDENT/3307. (12)** Providing Pressurized Distribution Water Supply Scheme to DevaraHipparagi Town Under AMRUT 2.0 including Operation & Maintenance for a Period of 5 Years (Including 1 year DLP) through Design, Build, Operation and Transfer (DBOT) Mode. (Lumpsum Tender – No Variation). **WORK_INDENT/3270/CALL-2.** For further information visit e-procurement portal or the Office of the Chief Engineer, K.U.W.S & D. Board, Dharwad may be contacted.

DIPR/DWD/1037/2022-23/DESHPANDEPUBLICITY

Sd/- CHIEF ENGINEER, KUWS & D BOARD, DHARWAD.

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public are hereby notified that, my client is proposing to purchase the properties described in the schedule below from Mr. R. Suresh @ Suresh Ramu & Reshmaa Supreeth. We are instructed to carry out due diligence of the schedule properties and the scrutiny of documents to ascertain marketable title and lawful possession of the said land owners. As part of the due diligence report, this public notice is issued to receive response, if any, from any persons interested in the schedule properties including any financial institutions, agreement holders, GPA holders or any person claiming any right title, claim, interest or lien over the schedule properties or any portion thereof and/or opposing sale of the schedule properties to my client either for joint development or otherwise in any manner whatsoever, are hereby notified to register their objections/claims, if any with supporting authenticated documents, justifying such claims to the under signed within ***fifteen days*** from the date of publication hereof for scrutiny and consideration.

If no objections/claims are received with supporting documents as above within the stipulated period, my client will proceed with the completion of the proposed transaction, as if, there are no objections or objections if any, are deemed to have been waived.

SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

All that piece and parcel of the lands situate at Laxmipura Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru - 560083 with extent and boundaries as described below:

Sl No.	Survey Number	Extent Acre	Extent Guntas	Owners	Schedule Boundaries East	West	North	South
1	46/1	1	33	Reshmaa Supreeth	Land bearing Sy No. 46/2	Road	Road	Land bearing Sy No. 46/3
2	46/2	3	8	R. Suresh	Land bearing Sy No. 45 belonging to Gururajulu Naidu	Land bearing Sy No. 46/1 and Sy No. 46/3	Road	Land bearing Sy No. 47 belonging to lakshman

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PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public are hereby notified that, my client is proposing to purchase the properties described in the schedule below from Mr. M.N. Paramesh. Terms of the proposals are under negotiations. Meanwhile, we are instructed to carry out due diligence of the schedule properties and the scrutiny of documents to ascertain marketable title and lawful possession of the said land owner, are in progress. As part of the due diligence report, this public notice is issued to receive response, if any, from any persons interested in the schedule properties including any financial institutions, agreement holders, GPA holders or any person claiming any right title, claim, interest or lien over the schedule properties or any portion thereof and/or opposing sale of the schedule properties to my client either for joint development or otherwise in any manner whatsoever, are hereby notified to register their objections/claims, if any with supporting authenticated documents, justifying such claims to the under signed within ***fifteen days*** from the date of publication hereof for scrutiny and consideration.

If no objections/claims are received with supporting documents as above within the stipulated period, my client will proceed with the completion of the proposed transaction, as if, there are no objections or objections if any, are deemed to have been waived.

SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

All that piece and parcel of the lands situate at Tavarekere Village, Tavarekere Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru - 562130 with extent and boundaries as described below:

Sl No.	Survey Number	Extent Acre	Extent Guntas	Owners	Schedule Boundaries East	West	North	South
1	104/5	-	20	M. N. Paramesh	Land belongs to M.N.Paramesh	Road from Tavarekere to Doddaladamara	Sy No. 104 belongs to Hombaiah	Land belongs to M.N.Paramesh
2	105/1	1	35	M. N. Paramesh	Sy No. 131/1 belongs to Vendor	Road from Tavarekere to Doddaladamara	Sy No. 104/5 belongs to Vendor	Sy No. 105/2 belongs to Vendor
3	105/2	-	20	M. N. Paramesh	Sy No. 131/1 belongs to Vendor	Road from Tavarekere to Doddaladamara	Sy No. 105/1 belongs to Vendor	Remaining property of same Sy No 105/2 belongs to T. Chowdaiah
4	131/1	1	5	M. N. Paramesh	Sy No. 131/3 belongs to M.N.Malikarjunaiah	Sy No. 104 & 105	Sy No. 101	Sy No. 106

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E-TENDER NOTICE

Following tenders are invited on behalf of Director IIIT-NR from interested bidders:

1. Supply of workstations and Oscilloscope for different projects.
2. e-Engineering, Supply, Erection, and Maintenance of Fire Protection and Detection Systems.
3. Supply & Installation of EC Lab Equipment.

Bidders can download complete set of bidding documents from IIIT-NR website **https://www.iiitnr.ac.in** from **24th Jan 2023** onwards. Bidders need to submit the bids with all the required in respective bid documents given at **https://www.iiitnr.ac.in**

Purchase Officer

CAUVERY NEERAVARI NIGAMA LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
Office of the Executive Engineer, Hemavathy Dam Division, Gorur Hassan District.

Short Term Tender Notification No:27/2022-23
Date:30.01.2023

The Executive Engineer, CNNL.,Hemavathy Dam Division, Gorur-573120 Hassan Taluk Hassan Dist., As Per KW-3, invited Item rate Short term tender (Two covers) through e- procurement only vide No.27/2022-23, Date: 30.01.2023 on behalf of the Managing Director, CNNL, Bangalore from the eligible contractors of PWD Class-III and above of any State /Central Government /Public Sector organization with Electrical License Details:-1 work, and from the eligible contractors of PWD Class-III and above of any State/Central Government/Public Sector organization Details:-2 work approximate Maximun amount Rs.82.94 lakhs and minimum Rs. 63.21 Lakhs, EMD as Prescribed in e-portal, The contractor can have access e-tender documents from 03.02.2023 to 10.02.2023 through website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in on payment (Non Refundable) of transaction fees as fixed by E – portal (2)Opening of Technical bid (Cover-I) 13.02.2023 at 11.00 AM onwards. (if possible) (3)Cover-II (Financial bid) will be opened after approval of Technical bid from the competent authority. For further information etc.,contact in the undersigned office during working hours or through website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in (Department).

Sd/- Executive Engineer, CNNL, Hemavathy Dam Division, Gorur

ವಾಸಾಸಂ/ಹಿಸನ/ಹಾಸನ/ಎಂಸಿಎ/1033/2022–23

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited

(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

TENDER NOTIFICATION

No: 936/EE/TLSS/HVR/TA/F-14/Enq/2022-23/ 6969-79 Date: 01.02.2023

KPTCL invites following office tenders pertaining to Transmission Lines and Sub-Stations Division, Haveri:

1). Supply of Single Suspension Clamps for maintenance of 400KV/220KV & 110KV lines in TL&SS Division, KPTCL, Haveri.
2). Supply of Male & Female contacts for 11KV GOS's at 110KV Haveri & 110KV Aremallapur Sub-station in TL&SS Division, KPTCL Haveri.
3). Supply of Clevis & Socket assembly suitable for 400KV Insulators having 20mm Ball for Maintenance of 400KV Lines in TL&SS Division, KPTCL, Haveri.
4). Repair, Reconditioning & alignment of 220KV & 110KV Isolators to make them operate in both electrical & manual mode existing at 220KV Receiving Station Ranebennur in TL&SS Division, KPTCL, Haveri.
5). Supply and Fixing/Retrofitting, testing and commissioning of Numerical backup (2OCR+1EFR) Relays for 33KV Laxmipur feeder & 11KV F6 feeder at 110KV Hangal Sub-station in TL&SS Division, Haveri.
6). Supply of 110KV,90KN long rod Silicon Rubber Composite (Polymer) Insulators for maintenance of 110KV lines in TL & SS Division, KPTCL, Haveri.
7). Supply of 110KV Lightening Arrestors & Surge Counter required for replacement of failed 96KV, 10KA Discharge Class-2 Lightening Arrestors at 220KV 220KV Receiving Station Ranebennur in TL&SS Division, KPTCL, Haveri. Haveri in TL&SS Division, KPTCL, Haveri.
8). Supply of 11KV Oil filled CTs of KPTCL approved vendor make for 11KV Banks at Ranebennur Nodal in TL&SS Division, KPTCL, Haveri.
9). Supplying & replacing Explosion vent provided to 10MVA, 110/33KV NGEF make Transformer-2 & 3 by PRV at 110KV Sub-station Haveri in TL&SS Division, Haveri.

Enquiry Details may be obtained from the office of the undersigned from **03.02.2023 at 10:00Hrs.** onwards. **Due date: 15.02.2023 at 04:00 p.m.**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, (Ele)
TL &SS Division, KPTCL P.B.Road, Haveri,
Phone No: **08375-235534,** Email: **eekptcl@yahoo.co.in.**

OMKARA ASSETS RECONSTRUCTION PVT. LTD.

CIN: U67100TZ2014PTC020363
Corporate Office: C-515, Kanakia Zillion, Junction of L.B.S. Road and C.S.T. Road, B.K.C. Annexe, Kurla (West), Mumbai – 400 070
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[Appendix - IV-A] [See proviso to rule 8 (6)r/w 9(1)
PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("SARFAESI Act") read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) r/w 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) &Mortgagor(s)that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of IndusInd Bank Limited (IBL)) is proposed to be sold by e-auction. Further, **Omkara Assets Reconstruction Pvt Ltd (OARPL) (acting in its capacity as Trustee of Omkara PS 06/2021-22 Trust)** has acquired entire outstanding debts of the below accounts vide Assignment Agreement dated 27.06.2021 from IndusInd Bank Limited (Assignor Bank) along with underlying security from assignor bank. Accordingly, OARPL has stepped into the shoes of assignor bank and empowered to recover the dues and enforce the security.The Authorized Officer of OARPL hereby intends to sell the below mentioned secured property for recovery of dues. The property shall be sold in exercise of rights and powers under the provisions of sections 13 (2) and (4) of SARFAESI Act; on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" and "Without recourse Basis" for recovery of amount shown below in respective column due to OARPL as Secured Creditor from respective Borrower(s) and Co-Borrower(s) shown below. Details of the Borrower(s)/Guarantors/Mortgagors, Securities, Owner, Outstanding Dues, Dateof Demand Notice sent under Section 13(2), Possession Date, Reserve Price, Bid Increment Amount, Earnest Money Deposit (EMD), Date & Time of Inspectionare given as under:

NAME OF BORROWER(S)/ GUARANTORS/ MORTGAGORS :

A) Swastik Marketing (Borrower) Rep. by proprietorMahaveer Chand ; Mrs.Sangeeta Devi and M/s. Mahaveer Stationery Mart all Guarantors
(B) Mahaveer Chand (Borrower/Mortgagor); Mrs. Sangeetha Devi (Guarantor/Mortgagor); M/s.SwastikMarkting (Guarantor) M/s.Mahaveer Stationery Mart (Guarantor)

DETAILS OF THE SECURED ASSET

All that Residential Apartment bearing No.H-1604, in Sixteenth Floor of Snowdrop Block, forming part of "THE GARDENS" built in Schedule "A" property and apartment measuring 1769 Sq. Feet of super built area inclusive of proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use and with exclusive right of usage One Car Parking slot bearing No.H-1604 in upper basement level and the apartment bearing municipal No.9/825, Binnyston Garden, Magadi Road, Municipal ward No.120 of Chickpet Sub division and apartment bounded by: **East:** Apartment No. H-1605 in Sixteenth Floor in Snowdrop Block of 'The Gardens' **West:** Open towards Rosebay Block 'The Gardens' **North:** Open towards open space in Snowdrop Block of 'The Gardens' **South:** Lobby and Apartment No. H-1603 in Sixteenth Floor in Snowdrop Block of 'The Gardens'

Owner of the Property	**Mahaveer Chand and Sangeeta Devi**
Demand Notice Date	**10.11.2021 for account (A) and 11.11.2021 for account (B)**
Possession Date	**17.10.2022 (Physical Possession)**
Reserve Price (in Lacs.)	**126** (one hundred and twenty six lakhs only)
Bid Increment Amount	**Rs. 50,000/- (Fifty Thousand)**
EMD	**Rs. 12,60,000/- (Twelve lakhs and sixty thousand only)**
Date & Time of First and second Inspection	**08.02.2023 (11:00 AM to 12.00 Noon) & 22.02.2023 (11:00 AM to 12.00 Noon)**

Outatanding dues as on 30.01.2023: Swastik Marketing: Rs.1,14,97,599 (Rs.One crore fourteen lakhs Ninety seven thousand Five hundred Ninety Nine only); Mahaveer chand: Rs.77,97,023 (Rs.Seventy Seven lakhs Ninety Seven Thousand Twenty Three only)

Account No.:344905001084, Name of the Beneficiary: Omkara PS06/ 2021-22 Trust, Bank Name: ICICI Bank, Branch: Bandra (E), Mumbai, IFSC Code: ICIC0003449

Date of E-Auction & Time : 6th March 2023 Monday Between 11.00 A.M. and 12.00 Noon; Last date and time for submission of bid letter of participation/KYC Document/ Proof of EMD : 03.03.2023 by 4:00 pm

Terms & Condition Of The Auction: For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer to the link provided in Secured Creditor's (OARPL) website i.e. http://omkaraarc.com/auction.php or website of service provider i.e. https://www.bankeauctions.com

Statutory Notice For Sale Under Rule 8(6) r/w 9(1) Of Security Interest (enforcement) Rules, 2002

This notice is also a mandatory notice of not less than 30 (Fifteen) days to the Borrower(s) of the above loan account under Rule 8(6) r/w 9(1), of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002 and provisions of Securitization & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, informing them about holding of auction/sale through e-auction on the above referred date and time with the advice to redeem the assets if so desired by them, by paying the outstanding dues as mentioned herein above together with further interest from 31.01.2023 and all costs charges and expenses any time before the closure of the Sale. In case of default in payment, the property shall at the discretion of the Authorized Officer/Secured Creditor be sold through any of the modes as prescribed under Rule 8 (5) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002.

(Rajesh. B. Jumani) M No: 9884062068
Date: 31.01.2023 **Authorized Officer, Omkara Assets Reconstruction Pvt Ltd.**
Place: Chennai **(acting in its capacity as a Trustee of Omkara PS 06/2021-22 Trust)**

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₹ Business Turnover 1,47,128.51 Crore
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₹ Deposits 84,596.40 Crore
₹ Advances 62,532.11 Crore
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STANDALONE UNAUDITED (REVIEWED) FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR / AS ON QUARTER / NINE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

(₹ in crore)

Particulars	Quarter ended 31.12.2022 (Reviewed)	Quarter ended 31.12.2021 (Reviewed)	Nine Months ended 31.12.2022 (Reviewed)	Nine Months ended 31.12.2021 (Reviewed)	Year ended 31.03.2022 (Audited)
Total income from operations (net)	2055.31	1761.55	5848.27	5339.86	7175.54
Net Profit /(Loss) for the period (before tax, exceptional and/ or extraordinary items)	367.00	217.82	1008.54	410.35	694.56
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after exceptional and/or extraordinary items)	367.00	217.82	1008.54	410.35	694.56
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after exceptional and/or extraordinary items)	300.68	146.57	826.49	378.27	508.62
Equity Share Capital	311.95	311.02	311.95	311.02	311.17
Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)					6324.61
Securities Premium Account	1258.97	1255.47	1258.97	1255.47	1255.97
Net Worth	7345.55	6503.54	7345.55	6503.54	6635.78
Paid up Debt Capital/ Outstanding Debt	1020.00	970.00	1020.00	970.00	1270.00
Capital Redemption Reserve / Debenture Redemption Reserve	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Outstanding Redeemable Preference share	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Debt Equity Ratio	0.18	0.11	0.18	0.11	0.15
Earnings Per Share (of Rs 10/- each)					
Basic:	9.65*	4.71*	26.54*	12.17*	16.36
Diluted :	9.60*	4.70*	26.41*	12.12*	16.29

*Not annualized.

Note: The above is an extract of the detailed format of period ended results for December 31, 2022 filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the results for December 31, 2022 is available on the Stock Exchange websites. BSE: https://www.bseindia.com, NSE: https://www.nseindia.com, Bank website: https://www.karnatakabank.com/index.jsp.

CONSOLIDATED UNAUDITED (REVIEWED) FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR / AS ON QUARTER / NINE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

(₹ in crore)

Particulars	Quarter ended 31.12.2022 (Reviewed)	Quarter ended 31.12.2021 (Reviewed)	Nine Months ended 31.12.2022 (Reviewed)	Nine Months ended 31.12.2021 (Reviewed)	Year ended 31.03.2022 (Audited)
Total income from operations (net)	2055.31	1761.53	5848.27	5339.78	7175.54
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before tax, exceptional and / or extraordinary items)	366.95	217.67	1008.20	409.87	693.93
Net profit /(Loss) for the period before tax (after exceptional and/or extraordinary items)	366.95	217.67	1008.20	409.87	693.93
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after exceptional and/or extraordinary items)	300.63	146.42	826.15	377.79	507.99
Equity Share Capital	311.95	311.02	311.95	311.02	311.17
Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)					6323.87
Securities Premium Account	1258.97	1255.47	1258.97	1255.47	1255.97
Net Worth	7344.48	6502.95	7344.48	6502.95	6635.04
Paid up Debt Capital / Outstanding debt	1020.00	970.00	1020.00	970.00	1270.00
Capital Redemption Reserve/ Debenture Redemption Reserve	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Outstanding Redeemable preference share	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Debt Equity Ratio	0.18	0.11	0.18	0.11	0.15
Earnings Per Share (of Rs 10/- each)					
Basic:	9.65*	4.71*	26.53*	12.15*	16.36
Diluted:	9.60*	4.69*	26.40*	12.10*	16.29

*Not annualized.

Note: The above is an extract of the detailed format of period ended results for December 31, 2022 filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the results for December 31, 2022 is available on the Stock Exchange websites. BSE: https://www.bseindia.com, NSE: https://www.nseindia.com, Bank website: https://www.karnatakabank.com/index.jsp.

For and on behalf of Board of Directors
Sd/-
Mahabaleshwara M S
Managing Director & CEO

Place : Mangaluru
Date : 02.02.2023

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File No. CMRL/OPN-02A/SIC-TR-DMR/2023 Dated 03-02-2023

TENDER NOTICE
e-procurement tender
e-Tender No. CMRL/OPN-02A/SIC-TR-DMR/2023

CMRL invites open e-tender through e-procurement portal from reputed, experienced, financially sound and eligible applicants, who fulfil the qualification criteria as mentioned in the tender through National Competitive Bidding (NCB) on single stage Two envelope/Packet system (technical & financial) with initial filter for the works as detailed below:

"Providing Station In-Charge, Traffic Regulator and Depot Movement Regulator Services at 17 Stations, OCC and DCC of 2 Depots of CMRL"

Please refer websites **1) www.chennaimetrorail.org** or **2) https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app** for further information.

DIPR/677/TENDER/2023 **Director/Systems and Operations**

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TAMILNADU POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

CHENNAI – 32.

Tender Notice No: 01/2023

Sealed tender under two cover systems are invited from the manufacturers or authorized dealers for :

Supply, Installation, Commissioning of Twenty Five numbers of Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Station (CAAQM) with Operation and Maintenance in District Head Quarters and Towns in Tamil Nadu.
Tentative cost of Tender value Rs.**49.75 Crores.**

The tender documents may be downloaded from **www.tenders.tn.gov.in** on or after **03.02.2023.** The last date for the receipt of the tender is **23.03.2023.**

DIPR/696/TENDER/2023 **Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, Chennai- 32.**

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City Municipal Council, Challakere, Chitradurga District.

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No.: C.CMC/Technical/CMC.F. 22-23/Tender-08/C.R.05/2022-23 Date: 31.01.2023

Tender Notice

Itemwar Tenders are invited through e-procurement portal (http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in) as per Karntaka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 & Rules – 2000 and Standard Tender Document KW-1/2 of Finance Department from eligible Civil Contractors registered in Karnataka Public Works Department for undertaking below mentioned works in the limits of City Municipal Council, Challakere sanctioned under City Municipal Council Fund and Tenders can be downloaded and uploaded in e-procurement portal (http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in) up to 4.30 PM on 04.03.2023. For further information the following websites may be viewed www.challakerecity.mrc.gov.in and (http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in) and has been displayed in the Notice Board of the office. Further information can be obtained from the Technical Section during office hours. **Name of the Work:- Under City Municipal Council Fund for the year 2022-23 (Rs. 80.50 lakhs):-** (1) Repair works of putting concrete to the bottom portion of drains where water is not flowing freely in the present old drains in 31 wards in the limits of City Municipal Council Challakere. INDENT NO.: DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT145971 Approx. Amount: Rs. 20.50 lakhs. (2) Repair works of putting Asphalt to potholes where it is very essential in the asphalted roads in 31 wards in the limits of City Municipal Council Challakere. INDENT NO.: DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT145972. Approx. Amount: Rs.20.00 lakhs. (3) Work of constructing deck slab where it is very essential and repairs and construction of concrete slope appropriately for the present deck slabs in 31 wards in the limits of City Municipal Council Challakere. INDENT NO.: DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT145973. Approx. Amount: Rs.40.00 lakhs. **Under City Municipal Council Fund for the year 2022-23 (Rs. 80.50 lakhs) (Grant Reserved for contractors/Agencies of Scheduled Tribes):-** (4) Work of removing where it is very essential shrubs/other weeds grown at City Municipal Council Park, Roadside, places reserved for public purpose and private sites using JCB and leveling low ditches where rain water stagnates in higher quantity using gravel in 31 wards in the limits of City Municipal Council Challakere. INDENT NO.: DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT145970. Approx. Amount: Rs.25.00 lakhs. **Under City Municipal Council Fund for the year 2022-23 (Rs. 80.50 lakhs) (Grant Reserved for contractors/ Agencies of Scheduled Caste):-** (5) Work of constructing C.C. Drain from Maruthi Steels to Lakshmi Nivas in Ward No. 10 of Chitradurga main road in Challakere City, work of inatalling pipe line for flow of sewage water from behind residence of Reddy Bus to behind residence of Veerabhadrappa and from behind Dish residence of Venkatesh to behind residence of Siddappa Teacher in Ward No. 12 and from Maramma Temple to residence of Prakash and further up to Padagatte in Ward No. 03. INDENT NO.: DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT145975 Approx. Amount: Rs. 17.00 lakhs.

Sd/- President City Municipal Council, Challakere. | Sd/- Vice President City Municipal Council, Challakere. | Sd/- Chairman of Standing Committee City Municipal Council, Challakere. | Sd/- Municipal Commissioner City Municipal Council, Challakere.

RO.No.936:DIPR/CTA/KSMCA/2022-23

Govt of Karnataka

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD DIVISION KALABURAGI

No: EE/PWD/DIV/KLB/TS3/Tender Notification/2022-23/ 8361 Dated: 27.01.2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

1) Name of Work: Executive Engineer PWD Division Kalaburagi Invites tender (KW-4) for 5054-Appendix-E (03) works of Indent No: 162525/CALL3, 163437 & 163970 tenders are called through e-procurement for the year 2022-23, 2) Estimated Cost:Estimate cost **Minimum 167.86 Lakhs & Maximum 337.05 Lakhs.** 3) Eligibility of Contractor: PWD, Registered Class-III and Above Contractors, 4) Tender fees and EMD details: Application Fees as per e-procurement EMD Minimum Rs. 2,50,000.00 & Maximum Rs. 5,06,000.00, 5) Pre Bid Meeting: **09/02/2023 upto 11.00 Hrs.** 6) Last date for queries: **10/02/2023 upto 17.30 Hrs**, 7) Last date for submission of tender: **13/02/2023 upto 16.00 Hrs.** 8) Date of opening of Technical Bid: **14/02/2023 at 16:30 Hrs.** 9) Date of opening of Financial Bid: **16/02/2023 at 11.00 Hrs**, 10) Enquiries: Office of the Executive Engineer PWD Division Kalaburagi, 11) website : **www.e-proc.karnataka.gov.in**

DIP/Kalaburagi/1199/MC&A/2022-23 **Sd/- Executive Engineer PWD Division Kalaburagi**

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SALE NOTICE - for Sale of Immovable Properties

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 .

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Rajapalayam of the Canara Bank., will be sold "As is where is", "As is what is", and " Whatever there is" on **23/02/2023** for recovery of **Rs.12,83,11,479.04** (Rupees Twelve Crores Eighty Three Lakhs Eleven Thousands Four Hundred And Seventy Nine And Paise Zero Four only) due as on 31/01/2023 with further interest and cost to the **Rajapalayam Branch of Canara Bank** from **M/s Chandra & Co** Represented by its Partner **Mr B Muruganantham & Mr.A.Alex Anburaj , Mr.P.Bose,** S/o. Pothi Nadar, **Mr.B.Muruganantham,** S/o Bose, **Mr.A.Alex Anburaj,** S/o. Arul Jeganathan, **Mrs.Mercy Aruna,** W/o A .Alex Anburaj.

Details of the immovable property (ies):

I) Name of the Title Holder - Mr.A Alex Anburaj, S/o R Arul Jeganathan & Mrs V Mercy Aruna, W/o Mr A Alex Anburaj.
SCHEDULE - A : All that piece and parcel of immovable property comprising of land with structure thereto earlier bearing site Nos.5 and 6 part of katha No.810, thereafter allotted Katha No.1633/B/810/B, Kodihalli, HA sanitary Board and assigned Corporation No.19, Rustom Bagh Main Road, Kodihalli in Corporation Ward No.19, Rustom Bagh Main Road, Kodihalli in corporation ward No.73, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk and **bounded on the:-** North by : Private Property, East by : IAF Property, South by : Private Property, West by : Plot No.42. Totally measuring about 6615 Sq.ft.,
SCHEDULE B - 260.71 Sq.ft., Undivided share, rights, title and interest in the immovable property more fully mentioned and described in the Schedule 'A' above. The Total site area of the Schedule 'B' Property herein conveyed works out of 260.71Sq.ft.,
SCHEDULE 'C' - Apartment being No.603 in Fifth Floor having super built up area of 1196 Sq.ft., together with a car parking space in the basement of the multistoried building known as **"OXFORD MANOR**' constructed with RCC Roofing, Mosaic Flooring, Sal Wood and Steel Windows at composite property more fully mentioned and described in Schedule 'A' above together with proportionate share in all common areas and entitled to all common facilities. The schedule 'B' and 'C' property mentioned above has been assessed and allotted separate Corporation No.19/22 Rustam Bagh Main Road, Kodihalli in Corporation Ward No.73, Bangalore under a Special Notice No.ARO(JBN)DA73/KTR-847/1999-2000 dated 17-04-2000 issued by the Assistant Revenue Officer, Jeevanbeemanagar Range, Bangalore, Mahanagara Palike.
II) Name of the Title Holder - P.Bose, S/o Pothi Nadar & B Muruganantham, S/o P Bose.
Virudhunagar District, Virudhunagar Registration District, Seithur Sub Registration District, Seithur Village, Seithur Panchayat, Old ward No.10, New Ward No.5, Dhalavaipuram Road Northern side in Door No.5D/4, site measuring east west on the north by 113 ft, on the south by 102 ½, North South on East by 68 ft, on the West by 71 ½ ft thus totally measuring 7515.5625 sq.ft with R.C.C house building constructed therin doors, windows, superstructures, E.B Service connection No.JVN.639 fitted with ½ H.P Motor Pumpset bearing **bounded on the :-** West by - Compound wall of A.S.P.G. Subbiah Nadar, East by - East West 16 ft North South Street, South by - House belongs to Teacher Niraipandi, Common lane and vacant site belongs to Anantharamakrishnan., North by - Sizing building belongs to P.M.R. Subbiah Nadar and Common lane. The said property situated in Survey No.446/4 New Natham Survey No.446/4D. out of 1.33 acres western side northern end land measuring 13 ½ cents.
III) Name of the Title Holder - M/s Chandra and Co.,
Virudhunagar District, Virudhunagar Registration District, Seithur Sub Registration District, Chettiarpatti Village, Punja Survey No.284/2, 285/2B, 286/2B2C, plotted out as house sites namely Krishna Nagar providing roads etc., and the same was approved by the Town planning Deputy Director, Madurai in their preceedings 7/2003 dated 5.3.2003 and the same was again approved by the Executive Officer, Chettiarpatti Town Panchayat dated 21.1.2004 in this plot Nos.3 and 4 with terraced buildings windows etc. House bearing Door Nos.55B1/E, 55B1/F and 55B1/G measuring east west 70 feet, north south 60 feet thus totally measuring 4200 sq,ft **bounded on the :-** West by - Vacant site i.e plot no.2 belongs to K.Mahadevan Vagaiyara, North by - East West Street belongs to Chettiarpatti Town Panchayat, East by - Vacant site i.e plot no.5 belongs to K.Mahadevan Vagaiyara., South by - Vacant site i.e plot nos.11, 12 belongs to K.Mahadevan Vagaiyara. The above said property situated in Survey No.284/2, Naidu South Street, Ward No.5 and Chettiarpatti Town Panchayat.

Property Details	Reserve Price in Rs.	Earnest Money in Rs.
Residential Flat @ Bangalore	66,00,000/-	6,60,000/-
House @ Seithur	98,00,000/-	9,80,000/-
Land & Factory building @ Chettiyarpatti village	1,96,91,000/-	19,69,100/-

E-Auction Date : 23.02.2023 & The Earnest Money Deposit on or before 22.02.2023 at 4.00 p.m.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link provided in Canara Bank's website **www.canarabank.com** or may contact **Chief Manager, Canara Bank, Rajapalayam Mob. No: 94890 46326, Telephone : 04563-220708 or Regional Office, Thoothukudi Ph No: 0461-2310907** during office hours on any working day.

Place : Rajapalayam **Authorised Officer**
Date : 01.02.2023 **Canara Bank**

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When chatbot does homework and writes exams for students

Technology is here to stay in schools and colleges. But the extensive use of ChatGPT by students to do academic work of various kinds has raised a larger debate on how much of it is too much

Jahnavi T. R.
BENGALURU

I confiscated an ID card from a student as he was not following some rules in the college. So I told him to write an apology letter to get it back. When I received his apology letter, I found that he had written it so well and professionally that I appreciated him. That's when he revealed he had used ChatGPT to write the letter," said Kiran Jeevan, Placements and Public Relations Officer at St. Joseph's University.

ChatGPT has taken the academic world by storm in the last few months by delivering essays and project reports and even passing MBA and medical examinations of prestigious universities. Chat Generative Pre-Trained Transformer (GPT) is a chatbot launched in November 2022 by OpenAI. With its optimised language models for dialogues, it takes prompts and instructions and delivers detailed responses.

Recently, a few educational institutions in Bengaluru announced a ban on using ChatGPT in assignments and projects. This begs a larger question: What are the pros and cons of using technology in education?

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>
> **SANJAY CHITNIS**
> R.V. University

When technology was saviour

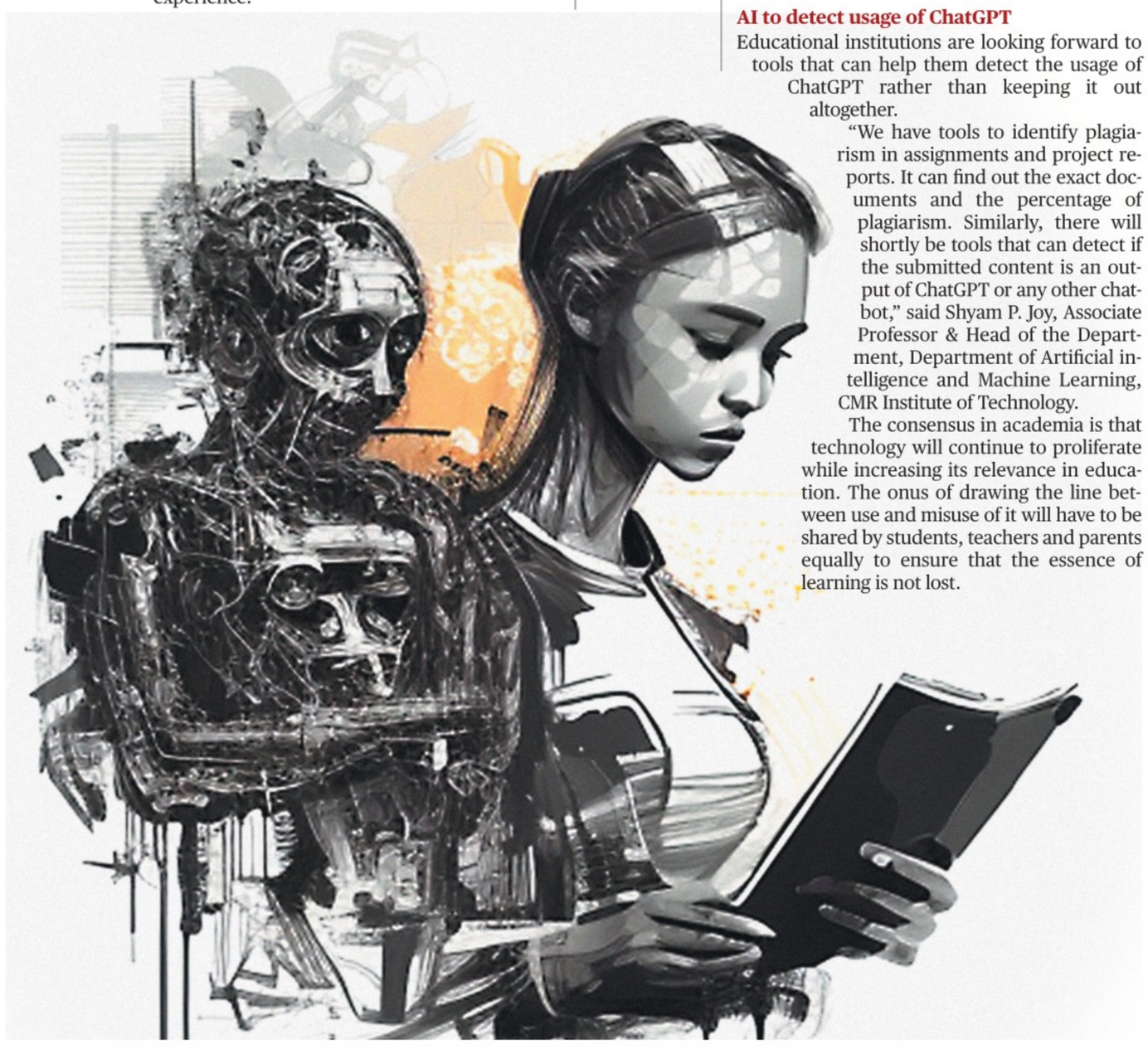
Flashback to 2020, when COVID forced the whole world into a lockdown. The saviour was technology which ensured that students did not miss out on education. Online classes became the new reality with the emergence of multiple platforms. Assignments, project reports and examinations moved online. The use of technology in education had begun much before the lockdowns, but COVID made it an inseparable part of learning.

"Technology is necessary in education as the world is changing, and we must keep pace with it. However, the biggest worry with Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools is that they will keep students from reading, analysing, critical thinking and researching, without which they will lose a lot. Hence, we need to think about how much technology to use and where to draw the line," said Mr. Kiran. He added that the crux of higher education lies in learning, relearning and unlearning, which might be hampered through the use of AI.

Enhancing learning experience

Most educational institutions have incorporated technology into the curriculum for functions like assignment submissions, digital libraries, biometric attendance and interactive learning. Elaborating on the importance of it, Sanjay Chitnis, Dean, School of Computer Science and Engineering, R.V. University, said, "The use of technology is always welcome in education as it can enable productivity. With it, we can make better use of e-learning and get access to the best quality content from all over the world."

He further said, "Tech platforms and tools are helpful. For instance, we need cloud computation in Computer Science, for which we need good AI/ML platforms. Even in rural areas, they can access good platforms through technology. In classrooms, Powerpoint presentations and interactive panels can enhance the learning experience."



R.V. University is among the institutions that have banned ChatGPT. However, Mr. Sanjay said it was not a blanket ban on the technology itself, but on its usage while learning programming and while submitting assignments that need to be original. "ChatGPT is a useful tool that can generate coding and do what ten engineers can. But there is a risk that we become more dependent on technology and lose our skills," he added.

Although ChatGPT, or the usage of tech in assignments, is lesser in schools than in higher educational institutions, schools have kept a cautious eye on it. Educationists also believe that a radical ban on new tools is not the way forward in today's world.

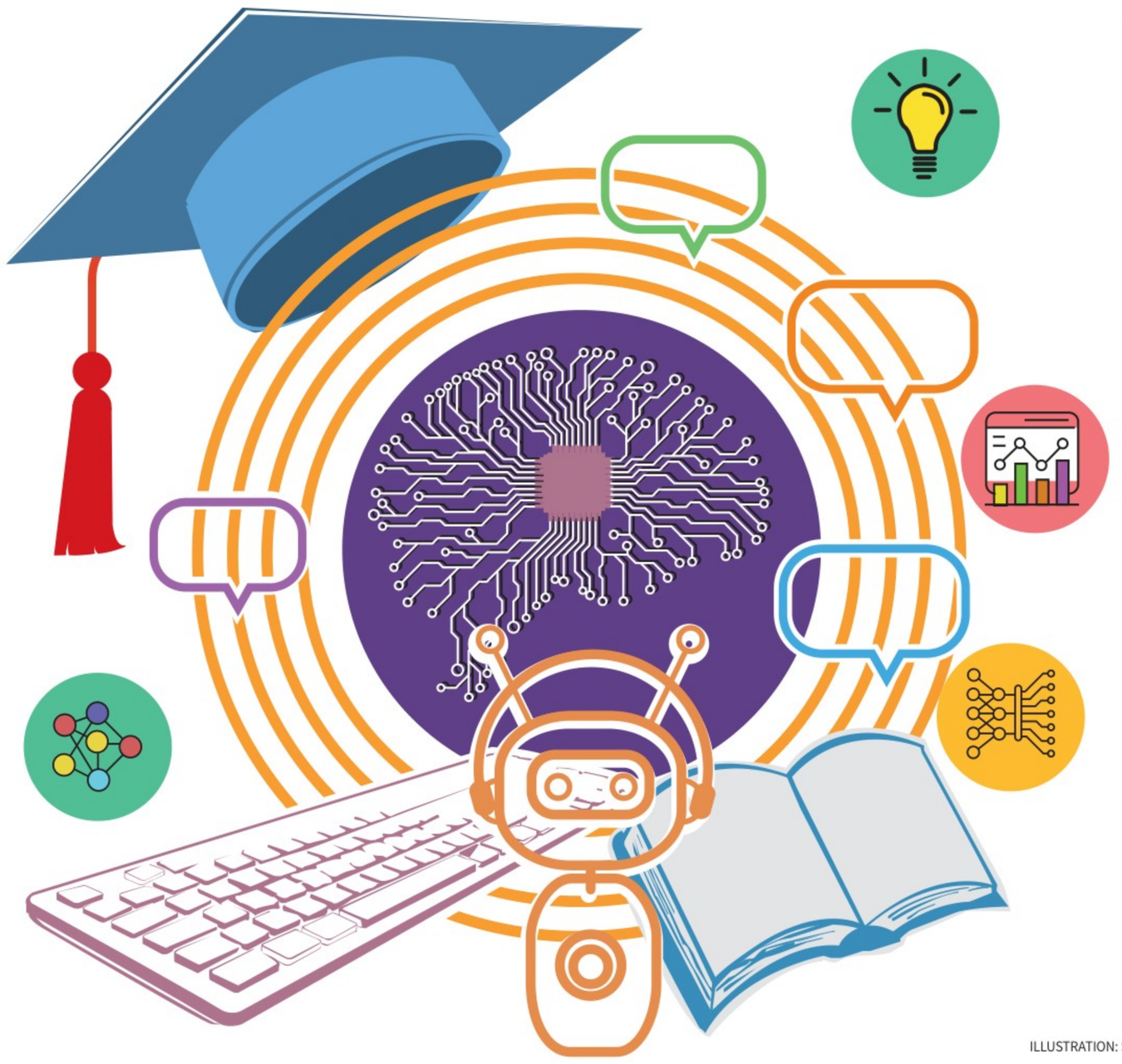
Puneet Kothapa, President of The Narayana Group, said, "The use of technology in education will work only when physical learning is enhanced. It can never replace or substitute physical learning. But, mock tests, clarification of doubts, and catching up with missed classes can be done through technology. So, the system must evolve to keep up with technology and see where it goes instead of imposing a ban on it."

AI to detect usage of ChatGPT

Educational institutions are looking forward to tools that can help them detect the usage of ChatGPT rather than keeping it out altogether.

"We have tools to identify plagiarism in assignments and project reports. It can find out the exact documents and the percentage of plagiarism. Similarly, there will shortly be tools that can detect if the submitted content is an output of ChatGPT or any other chatbot," said Shyam P. Joy, Associate Professor & Head of the Department, Department of Artificial intelligence and Machine Learning, CMR Institute of Technology.

The consensus in academia is that technology will continue to proliferate while increasing its relevance in education. The onus of drawing the line between use and misuse of it will have to be shared by students, teachers and parents equally to ensure that the essence of learning is not lost.



What is ChatGPT

G – Generative: Ability to generate natural human responses

P – Pre-trained: The model has been trained with a finite dataset

T – Transformer: The underlying machine learning architecture

ChatGPT is a large language model which has been trained with the information or data from the Internet to generate responses in human language when provided with a prompt

The model can interact in conversational dialogues

What this means

It can answer follow-up questions, admit when it makes a mistake and reject

ILLUSTRATION: SEBASTIAN FRANCIS

ChatGPT: Careful balancing between human and machine learning is key

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Debabrata Das
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Artificial intelligence (AI) has become increasingly integrated into our daily lives. From personalized recommendations to automated customer service, AI has significantly impacted our lives. One of the latest AI technology-based platforms to disrupt the industry is ChatGPT, a Machine Learning (ML)-based system that can understand and respond to human queries.

Varied concerns, need for moderation

Although ChatGPT is a promising technology in the education space, there's still a lot of R&D work to be done to integrate it into existing systems and ensure that it aligns with educational quality, policies and standards. Furthermore, there are concerns about plagiarism, accuracy, the possibility of biases in algorithms and security when using AI in the classroom.

Although ChatGPT can be useful for students, it's important to use it in moderation. Because, presently, ChatGPT is trained on a large amount of data, and it still depends on the accuracy of available data, which leads to limitations in its knowledge and understanding. This can lead to inaccurate or unreliable answers, especially on complex or nuanced subjects. Additionally, a student's reliance on ChatGPT can stifle creativity and critical thinking skills.

ChatGPT helps streamline routine tasks, but don't expect it to do all the heavy lifting in all areas in its present state. It might not be the best tool for the job if you're looking to dive deep into a topic or solve a complex problem.

Ways to ensure teacher control

It presents a unique challenge to the current education system. The challenge for educators is to find a way to use ChatGPT without sacrificing teacher control. This is a complicated task, requiring a careful balancing act between human and machine learning. For example, a teacher understands a student's strengths and lacunae. Accordingly, by teaching/discussing, the teacher navigates the student to understand the subject. Machines are yet to learn from this kind of human touch based teaching.

One of the primary benefits of ChatGPT is that it can significantly increase the efficiency and effectiveness of teachers in generic subjects. It can help teachers save time and energy by streamlining the teaching process by providing tailored responses to students' questions. This frees their time and energy to focus on more complex tasks, such as helping students develop problem-solving skills.

During the pandemic, technology ensured students didn't miss out on learning.

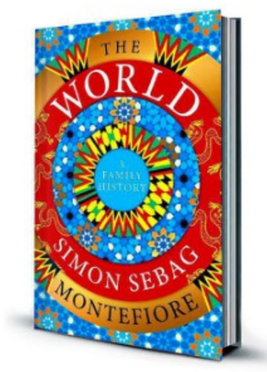
To be accurate and to avoid any possible biases in the output of ChatGPT, people may expect explainability from AI models. Basically, it means being able to figure out why the model made the decisions and responses it did. It's important to make sure AI models are trustworthy and used ethically.

Questions over sustainability

As far as sustainability is concerned, advanced AI systems like ChatGPT require vast computational power and ongoing training, which can have a pretty big energy consumption and carbon footprint. And that's definitely a concern for sustainability.

While ChatGPT is a cool technology with a lot of potential benefits, we definitely need to keep sustainability and explainability in mind as we move forward with it. We need to find ways to minimize the environmental impact as well as train young human brains to learn things to develop their logic and analytical skills by being less dependent on the machine and making sure that we're using AI in a responsible and sustainable way.

(The author is Director, International Institute of Information Technology, Bengaluru)



Vast and intimate

British historian Simon Sebag Montefiore talks about his latest book, *The World: A Family History*

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In his popular and profound TV series *Cosmos,* the late American astronomer Carl Sagan says if the entire events of the universe, beginning with the Big Bang, can be spread out to occupy a football field, then all human history would just occupy the size of his palm. In the cosmic calendar, humans appear on the last night of the year and modern human history starts only in the last microsecond.

This humbling perspective is supposed to make humans realise that they are just a speck in the vastness of time and space. But even studying this speck is a daunting task. Several historians have painstakingly attempted to chronicle the events of the human era. Joining that list is the popular British historian Simon Sebag Montefiore.

Montefiore, in his most recent book *The World: A Family History*, explores the ebbs and flows of global history through the lives of families in his most recent book. He takes the readers on an epic journey through the families that have shaped the world, including the Caesars, Medicis, Incas, Ottomans, Mughals, Bonapartes, Habsburgs, Zulus, Rothschilds, Rockefellers, Krupps and Churchills. The author visited the bookstores in Bengaluru last week to meet his readers.

"Bookshops are my delight," he told *The Hindu* in an interview, "In London, I literally walk into my favourite bookshops just to smell the books. One of the lovely things about Bangalore is that it's filled with bookshops, especially on Church Street."

Excerpts:

***Q:** I'd like to begin with the title of this book,* The World: A Family History. *When you think of the word, 'world', you think of something big and broad. And the word 'family' evokes a sense of intimacy. How do you see this contrast?*

A: This is exactly what you're meant to think of the title. The whole point of *The World: A Family History* is to combine the span of global history with the intimacy, the juice, and the grit of family life.

***Q:** What prompted you to write this book?*

A: World history is very comforting in times of global crisis. A bit of perspective is quite helpful. It's a sort of tonic for dangerous times. Also, I wanted to write it because no one has written something like this before and I wanted to read a book like this. "Whenever I want to really want to read a book, and I can't find it, I write it," says Benjamin Disraeli [the former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom].

But it was incredibly hard writing this book. I really haven't slept well for the last three years. Because it was so stressful to write about all the things that I have written about and be right about them.

I also sweat blood with my books to make sure that they're accessible, elegant, and easy to read. Even if the book is actually long, you shouldn't find it long when you're reading it.

***Q:** How long did it take to write the book?*

A: It took me two and a half years to write it. I started during the first lockdown in Britain. It's been a big struggle but also a great joy.

***Q:** Considering the span of time and geography the book covers, two and a half years seems quick.*

A: Yes. I worked incredibly hard every day during the writing phase. It was chaotic. I was at our house in London. My family was in the countryside. My office was in a mess. It was a terrifying experience, when I started writing it. In the beginning, I wasn't so sure if I was up to the task or if the concept would work. So, I started with a great sense of stress. But I didn't really tell anybody that I was writing it. So, people were surprised when I told them I finished writing such a book.

***Q:** In addition to the two and a half years, your entire experience as a historian must have helped you with this book.*

A: Yes, it's a lifetime of travels to places like India, China, South America, and Europe that helped me write this. The five TV series I made with the BBC helped me get to know about some wonderful places like the Hagia Sophia in Constantinople. I'm hoping *The World: A Family History* is the most diverse and most Asian-centric world history ever written. I wanted it to be less Europe and America and much more of Asia. I have tried to break out of all the cliches of English and Western European historiography.

***Q:** When you attempt to write about something so vast, you sometimes cannot get a neat narrative. How did you solve that?*

A: One solution I had is to deliberately embrace the fact that there are many things going on simultaneously. I really wanted to have the messiness of real human existence in the book. For example, when writing about the Middle East, there are a whole lot of people who write about Jesus and Christians. Then, there are others who write about the Romans or about the kings of Judea. The thing is, they all knew each other at the same time. But nobody has put it together, which is what I have tried to do in the book. It took enormous effort to study all these pieces and then interlock them. Also, I don't do everything. I don't, for instance, go through the Mughals one by one. I cover the ones that I think are most interesting and important. I often switch between times. One second you are in Ming (era) China and then suddenly you are transported to the Ottoman Empire. That way, I treated it like a movie. Sometimes, everything seems to happen in a flash.

Dive into the past
Simon Sebag Montefiore.
SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Winner takes it all

Mythrayie Iyer has been declared the S.Pellegrino Young Chef Academy Award Regional winner for 2023

World on a plate Mythrayie Iyer.
SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Bengaluru-girl and head chef of Farmlore Restaurant Mythrayie Iyer has been declared the S.Pellegrino Young Chef Academy Award Regional winner for 2023.

Her dish titled Barter - Evolution of Indian Cooking Through the Age of Exploration won her the coveted title. Presented to a panel of judges, Barter met the three criteria of technical skills, creativity and personal belief. The dish had to embody native flavours of India prior to the arrival of traders using ingredients such as ridge gourd, millet and aubergine, as well as those that began to be imported later such as tomato, chilli and lobster.

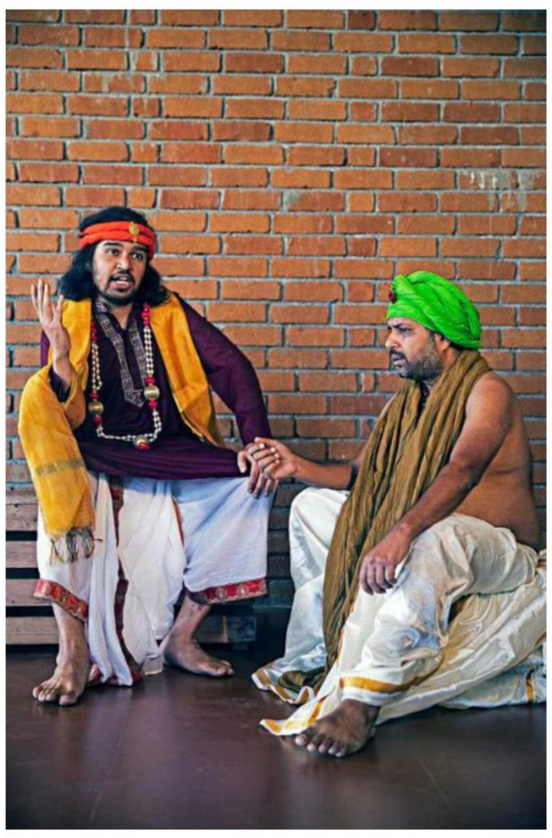
The jury of culinary greats comprising chefs Siba Mtongana, Selassie Atadika and Tala Bashmi, presided over the event; they also happened to be the first all-female jury of the region.

This regional segment saw Mythrayie battle it out with 14 chefs from Africa, West Asia and South Asia, between January 23 and 24, in Cape Town this year. Awards for three other categories were also presented at this event. The Fine Dining Lovers Food for Thought Award the S.Pellegrino Award for Social Responsibility and the Acqua Panna Award for Connection in Gastronomy.

The grand finale of the S.Pellegrino Young Chef Academy competition will be held in Milan in October 2023.

Decoding the mysterious Ashoka

Directed by Mathura Kalauny, the play provides a new historical perspective on the great king and his empire



Stage skills Mathura (right); and a still from the play.
SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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Bengaluru-based theatre group Kalyan Theatre will stage a Hindi play – *Priyadarshi Ashok*. "The play presents a new historical perspective on the great king Ashoka. It is a result of my quest to understand the mysterious king, get an insight into the psyche of a misunderstood regent, accursed to become a king by the whims of destiny," says Mathura Kaluny, the director and playwright.

He adds, "As the title says, the play celebrates the legendary king. He has always been my favourite personality. Years ago, when I lived in Kolkata, I would spend hours in the National Library reading up anything on Ashoka. He was so great that we even have the Ashoka Chakra on our National Flag. What fascinated me was his life and I felt there was something more that led to his tranformation from a great king to a Buddhist monk."

Hence, Mathura undertook research on king Ashoka. "After years of study, I had enough material to write a book. But, with my work, theatre and life, it took a backseat. But, a few years ago, my friends felt I should bring my research to life on stage and using that material I wrote the play *Priyadarshi Ashok*."

During my research, he says: "I discovered how vast his empire was. Today if we measured it, it would spread from Orissa to Iran and from Afghanistan up to Kerala! Such was his greatness! Similarly it was intriguing to study how he ruled his kingdom, implemented laws and so on – he was a fascinating persona indeed."

Mathura, a known Hindi playwright is also the artistic director of Kalayan Theatre Group, which he founded in 1988. He has written 19 plays and directed and produced over 38 under the Kalayan banner. Running a Hindi theatre group, says Mathura, has been enjoyable but not easy.

"We were one of the first Hindi theatre groups in Bengaluru. Those days not many were interested in watching a Hindi play. We would literally call people into the theatre to watch our plays. That is how we started off. But, the journey has been great."

Priyadarshi Ashok *will be staged in Bengaluru at the Bangalore International Centre (BIC), Domlur on February 3, 4 and 5 at 7.30pm, and 3.30pm and 7.30pm, respectively.*

Tickets, priced at ₹400, are available on BookMyShow

STEPOUT

Off to the market

The Bangalore Creative Circus Farmers' Market is back. From fresh produce, preserves, jams, dips, breads, pickles and desserts to traditional games, oils and millets, the market will spoil you for choice. There will also be an art festival at the gallery, pottery workshop and more.

The market, on February 5, 11am to 3pm is at Bangalore Creative Circus, Yeshwantpur Industrial Suburb. Tickets on https://linktr.ee/blrcreativecircus

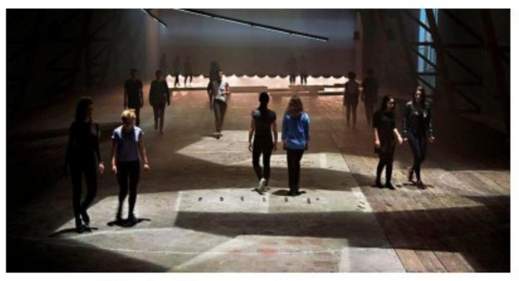
Six-yard splendour

Kankatala, which was started in 1943, has an on-going exhibition and sale of handwoven saris.

On display are six-yard saris in styles and fabrics such as Kanjeevaram, Benaras, paithani, organza, patola, jamdani and Kota to name a few.

The saris were curated from across 50 weaving clusters of India for this expo.

The venue is the HSR Club on February 3 and 4, from 10am to 7pm.



A new kind of opera

Goethe-Institut/Max Mueller Bhavan Bangalore, in partnership with Sandbox Collective, will host *Orlando*, an operatic performance on February 3 at 7pm.

Orlando is a performative installation combining movement, video installation, architecture and live sound and music performance. Contact: collective.sandbox@gmail.com

Act it out

Attend a weekend theatre workshop, called Act one, conducted by Team Tahatto.

The workshop, say the organisers, is designed around theatre exercises and activities to give people a first-hand experience of life on stage. It is open to anyone aged 15 years and above.

On February 4 and 5 at Lahe Lahe, Indiranagar. Log on to https://rzp.io/i/actone2023 to register.

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INBRIEF

CM promises ₹100 crore for border area development

The State government will release ₹100 crore before March 31 to the Karnataka Border Area Development Authority to improve education, employment, and infrastructure in border districts, said Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai. He was speaking after presenting "Gadinada Chetana" awards for 2022-23 to people who have served in the border region, instituted in the names of Dr. Channabasava Pattadevaru, Dr. Jayadevi Thaai Ligade, and Dr. Kayyara Kinhanna Rai. Jnanpith recipient Chandrashekar Kambar was among the invitees. He said ₹25 crore had already been released to the authority.

KPCC issues show-cause notice to K.C. Kondaiah

The KPCC on Thursday issued a show-cause notice to former MP K.C. Kondaiah for allegedly giving bites to the media on differences in the State unit of the Congress. In the notice by KPCC Disciplinary Committee convener Nivedita Alva, Mr. Kondaiah, Congress leader from Ballari district, has been asked to give a written reply in 10 days explaining the reasons for his media statements which apparently implied that all is not well within the Congress.

Applications invited for post in police complaints authority

A State Police Complaints Authority chaired by a retired judge of the Karnataka High Court will be constituted to facilitate the filing of complaints by the public against Additional Superintendents of Police, Superintendents of Police, and higher level police officers. A member from civil society will be selected for the authority along with other members. Candidates applying for the post of member from the civil society should have rendered philanthropic social service such as education, health, and poverty alleviation and should not be identified with political parties or ideological groups. More details can be obtained from http://www.karnataka.gov.in.spca

Congress neglected Upper Bhadra Project since 1960s: Bommai

'Project proposal was mooted during the Congress govt., led by Nijalingappa, but the subsequent party governments neglected it'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A day after the Union Budget 2023-24, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Thursday alleged that Congress governments in Karnataka had neglected the Upper Bhadra irrigation and drinking water project since the 1960s without showing any commitment.

The proposal on the Upper Bhadra Project was mooted in the 1960s during the Congress-government led by S. Nijalingappa. But the subsequent Congress governments neglected the project. The B.S. Yediyurappa-led government started implementing the project in 2008, Mr. Bommai said.

'Criticism without substance'

The Union Budget presented on Tuesday allocated ₹5,300 crore for the project for irrigation and mitigation of drought in Tumakuru, Chitradurga, Chikkamagaluru, and Davangere districts. The Congress leaders, who had lost hopes of revival of the party in the State, had criticised the Budget "without any substance, Mr. Bommai said.

He said allocation of ₹10 lakh crore for capital expenditure in the Budget, which would be 3.3% of GDP, will spur growth on all fronts and create a "paradigm shift in the economic outlook of the country." He termed the Budget "balance" and "growth-oriented".

Noting that Karnataka would receive more funds following increase in the outlay for Prime Minister Awas Yojana, Jal Shakti Mission, irrigation, agriculture, health, rural development, and other sectors, he said that setting up an Agriculture Accelerator Fund encourages agri-start-ups in rural areas.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai addressing a press conference on the Union Budget 2023-24 in Bengaluru on Thursday.

Mekedatu: CM blames Cong. and JD(S) for legal wrangle

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

On the Mekedatu project on the Cauvery basin, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said the faulty preparation of the Detailed Project Report by the previous JD(S)-Congress coalition government led to a legal battle with Tamil Nadu. The matter was before the Supreme Court, and it is expected to come up for hearing in March 2023. The Environment Department of the Centre sought some clarifications. Once the project cleared the legal hurdle, the government would start executing it, Mr. Bommai said.

Mekedatu is a multi-purpose (drinking water and power) project proposed by Karnataka, which involves building a balancing reservoir near Kanakapura in Ramanagaram district.

Ramesh Jarkiholi in Delhi; may meet Amit Shah in a day or two

The Hindu Bureau
BELAGAVI

The BJP MLA had announced on Sunday that he would urge the Union government to transfer the CD case to the CBI

Ramesh Jarkiholi, former Minister and BJP MLA, is in New Delhi to meet Amit Shah, Union Home Minister, to request him to transfer the sex CD case against him to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

People close to the Jarkiholi family say that he has carried some audio clips that he believes will "prove" that it was a honey trap and will implicate Congress leader D.K. Shivakumar for "orchestrating" it. Mr. Jarkiholi has sought an appointment with Mr. Shah. It is likely that he will get to meet the Home Minister in a day or two, said a BJP leader from Gokak who has travelled along with Mr. Jarkiholi.

The former Minister, however, said that he would comment only after returning to Belagavi.

DKS denies allegations

He had announced on Sunday that he would urge the Union government to transfer the case to CBI. He alleged that the KPCC president was behind the honey trap and that he had created such sleaze CDs of several leaders and officers in the State.

Mr. Shivakumar, however, has denied the allegations and said that Mr. Jarkiholi seems to have "lost his mental balance."

Channaraj Hattiholi, MLC and younger brother of Congress MLA Lakshmi Hebbalkar, had denied Mr. Jarkiholi's allegations that she had "conspired" to defame him, along with Mr. Shivakumar.

Brother appeals for calm

Meanwhile, younger sibling and BJP MLA, Balachandra Jarkiholi, has appealed for calm. He said he saw no merit in the public spat.

"All the three senior leaders, Mr. Ramesh, Mr. Shivakumar, and Ms. Hebbalkar, are engaged in verbal fights. That will achieve nothing. They are all popular leaders respected by the people. They have spent decades in public life. They have their dedicated followers. Such allegations and counter allegations in public will do more damage than good," he said.

Set up common effluent treatment plants: KASSIA

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka Small Scale Industries Association (KASSIA), on Thursday, asked the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) to set up common effluent treatment plants at industrial estates and industrial areas to enable businesses in Karnataka to comply with pollution control regulations.

KASSIA said KSPCB should help industries in compliance instead of issuing notices and harassing them.

The apex body also called for reducing the consent fee as the present fee was not affordable to most industries. It also suggested that the fee should be fixed based on the value of the plant and machinery as mentioned in the balance sheet and not as per the invoice value. It also said such calculations should not include the value of land and building, office equipment, furniture, and computer software, which were non-polluting assets.

It also requested that industrial units, licensed to operate for 10 years with consent on rental premises when they shifted from one place to another within the same location, should be allowed to operate under the same consent and not be required to apply again for fresh consent.

HC notice to govt. on Priyank Kharge's plea for court-monitored probe

PSI SCAM

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Thursday ordered issue of notice to the State government on a PIL petition, filed by Congress MLA Priyank M. Kharge, seeking a court-monitored investigation into the Police Sub-Inspector (PSI) recruitment scam through a Special Investigation Team (SIT).

Adjourned hearing

A Division Bench comprising Justice Alok Aradhe and Justice S. Vishwajith Shetty, before whom the petition came up for hearing, has adjourned further hearing while asking the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) to file a status report on the investigation.

Earlier, another Division Bench comprising Chief Justice Prasanna B. Varale and Justice Ashok S. Kinagi had said: "Not before a Bench of which both of us are members" when the petition had come up for hearing on January 27.

It has been alleged in the petition that in a recent audio clip, allegedly containing the voice of BJP MLA Basavaraj Dhadesugur it was indicated that the scam did take place in the PSI recruitment process allegedly involving senior police officers, politicians, members of party ruling the government.

In the light of such "disclosures" in the audio clip, it was contended in the petition that "it is all the more evident that the arrest of Additional Director General of Police Amrit Paul is just an eyewash by the State government so as to protect the wrong doings of their own Ministers and lawmakers."

'Attempt to cover up'

"The statement of Mr. Dhadesugur must be thoroughly investigated and looked into since the present government is trying its best to cover up the issue, it would be in the interest of general public that a court-monitored investigation is undertaken," the petitioner had stated.

Pointing out that Home Minister, who had on earlier occasions denied irregularities during exam for PSI recruitment, has later not only admitted irregularities but also jeopardising the future of hundreds of candidates who successfully cleared recruitment exams purely based on merit.

"There exists all possibilities of the Home Department and the Home Minister influencing the outcome of the investigation being carried out by CID, which comes under the Home Minister, as officials of the Department and the Home Minister had earlier given clean chit to the accused," it was alleged in the petition.

Quoting media reports, it was claimed in the petition that a Cabinet Minister was also allegedly involved in the scam by ensuring his candidates cleared the exam, and no investigation was carried out on this aspect.

MLCs petition for increase in local area development funds from ₹2 cr. to ₹10 cr.

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

MLCs elected from the rural local bodies have demanded that their local area development funds should be increased from the present ₹2 crore a year to a minimum of ₹10 crore to help them to cater to the infrastructure woes of rural areas.

As many as six MLCs, on behalf of MLCs elected from the rural local bodies, submitted a memorandum to Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and Leader of the Upper House Srinivas Poojary on Thursday demanding that an announcement in this regard should be made in the State Budget to be presented this month.

In the petition, they said that they were representing two to three districts covering 200 to 400 village panchayats. Since their constituencies are rural areas, people from the villages were regularly petitioning them seeking infrastructure related works in their areas. But the local area development funds allocated to them was too meagre to respond to the problems of people from villages, they argued.

The petition was signed by MLCs Dinesh Guligowda, Sharanagouda Patil, Manjunath Bhandari, Sunil Gowda Patil, Rajendra Rajanna, and S. Ravi.

Mr. Ravi said that the government should either increase the allocation or completely withdraw the scheme as it was not possible to provide justice to rural areas with the present system.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that our client is intending to purchase agricultural lands bearing Survey Nos.267, 268, 286, 345, 346, 347 and 348 (Old Survey Nos.194/P8, 194/P9, 194/P19, 194/P2, 194/P6, 194/P17 and 194/P18 respectively), totally measuring 27 Acres 38 Guntas, all situated at Bhageshpura, Village, Gandasi Hobli, Arasikere Taluk, Hassan District, more fully described in the schedule hereto, from its lawful owner, Sri. Ashok Malode, son of late Sri.Ningappa.

Any person having any form of objection, claim, right, title, interest or charge over the schedule property is hereby informed to contact the undersigned along with all documentation and evidence within **10 days** of the publication of this notice, otherwise it shall be deemed that the title of the aforesaid persons to the schedule properties is clear, marketable and free from encumbrances of any nature whatsoever.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

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East by: Private Property
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South by: Private Property

Chandrashekar S., Advocate
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Sahakaranagara, Bangalore-560092.
Place: Hassan, Date: 02.02.2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that our client intends to purchase the property described in the Schedule hereunder from its lawful owner **Mr. H.C.Krishnnamurthy**, son of late Chikkanna, aged about 57 years, residing at No.1239, 9th Main Road, Vijayanagara, Bengaluru–560040 (Aadhar No.4015 2129 3955), who is the sole and absolute owner of the Schedule Property.

Any person or persons other than the Vendor having any claim or interest in or to the Schedule Property, or any part thereof in any manner is/are required to forward their claim on or to the property to the undersigned at their office along with the relevant documents thereof, within **Seven days** from the date of publication of this notice in this newspaper. In the absence of any claims within the above said period, it shall be deemed that there are no such claims or that if there are any claims and they have not been made it shall be deemed to have been waived and our client will proceed with the transaction without any further reference in this regard.

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All that piece and parcel of immovable property being dry agricultural land bearing **Survey No.121/1** (measuring 2 Acres 5 Guntas) and **Survey No.121/2** (measuring 2 Acres 5 Guntas), situated at Kalala Ghatta Village, Thyamagondlu Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, **totally measuring 4 Acres 10 Guntas** and bound as follows:

East : Land bearing Survey No.120;
West : Land bearing Survey No.122;
North : Jakkanahalli Road;
South : Land bearing Survey No.45.

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Place: Bengaluru, Date: 03.02.2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general Public that, my client **Smt. Yamuna.G W/o. Sri Murali.R**, is intending to **purchase the Agricultural Garden Land bearing Sy.No.215/2, Old Sy.No.215, measuring total an extent of 04 Acres of land situated at HASAGULI VILLAGE, Begur Hobli, Gundlupet Taluk, Chamarajnagar District, Karnataka State,** which is more fully described in the schedule hereunder and hereinafter called as the Schedule Property from **its owner Sri Farooq Shariff, S/o Late Ahmed Shariff, residing at No.442/A, 1st Stage, Rajiv Nagar, Udayagiri, Mysore City, Mysore-570 019**

The owner of the above said land has handed over the Xerox copies of the documents in respect of the above said land to my client. Any person/s having any claim, right, title, interest, share in the Schedule Property may file their objections to the undersigned with documentary proof, **within 15 days** from the date of publication of this Notice and if no valid objections are received within stipulated time, my client will proceed with assumptions that, there are no objections or claims of whatsoever nature from any person/s for purchasing the schedule property by my client. Any objection received after 15 days will not be entertained and my client will proceed to purchase the land in accordance with law.

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East by: Land belongs to H.P. Lingarajappa & Narasaiah, **West by :** Land belongs to H.P. Basavarajappa, **North by :** Road, **South by :** Land belongs to G.Madappa

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Short-Term Tender Notification

Short-term Tender Notification No. 05/2022-23 dated: 01.02.2023

On Behalf of Governor of Karnataka, Karnataka Rural Road Development Agency, Project Division, Kolar, invites tender by Two Cover system through e-procurement portal for Road works (01 work of SC Reservation, 01 work of ST Reservation and 01 Package work for General) of Srinivaspura Constituency of Kolar District. For further details visit (E-Procurement Website: http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in) **(1)** EMD Fees: (As per E-Procurement portal). **(2)** Last date for Online submission of Technical and Financial bid: **17.02.2023 upto 16.30 hours. (3)** Opening of Technical bid: **20.02.2023 upto 16.30 hours. (4)** Opening of Financial bid: After completing Technical Bid Evaluation. **Note:** Tender may be Rejected/Stopped at any circumstances will be in the powers of Executive Engineer.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Project Division, K.R.R.D.A, Kolar

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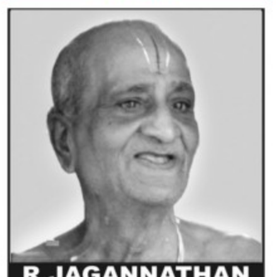

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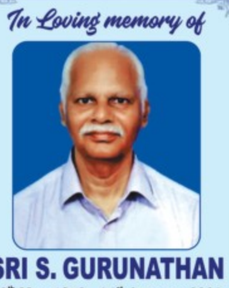

SRI S. GURUNATHAN
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DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Om Shanthi

Mrs. Sivagami Achi
W/o Late Shri O.M.SP.L.A. Chinna Alagappa Chettiar
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FIRST ANNIVERSARY

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We miss you every moment of everyday...
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DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

22nd ANNIVERSARY

V.S.ARAVAMUTHAN
08-09-1913 - 03-02-2001
V.A.Raghu, Vatsala Raghu
Anjana Rajesh, Dipika Rajesh
A.Rajesh

A.P., Karnataka to run more buses

The Hindu Bureau
VIJAYAWADA

Considering the numerous representations from public representatives and general public and also in view of the rapid industrial growth in the border districts of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka, the Andhra Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation (APSRTC) proposes to operate additional buses in new routes in the neighbouring State.

"The proposals are being worked out for the first time after bifurcation of the State," said APSRTC Vice-Chairman and Managing Director Ch. Dwaraka Tirumala Rao.

After a series of meetings, Mr. Tirumala Rao and the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) Managing Director V. Anbu Kumar on Thursday reached an understanding. Accordingly, Andhra Pradesh will increase 327 buses covering a distance of 69,284 km and Karnataka 496 buses covering 69,372 km on new routes between the two States. With this MoU coming into effect, 1,322 buses of the APSRTC will operate in a distance of 2,34,762 km per day in Karnataka, against 1,489 buses of the KSRTC for 2,26,044 km in Andhra Pradesh.

Mr. Anbu Kumar, accompanied by Director (P &V) Prasanth Kumar Mishra, Chief Traffic Manager (Operations) Anthony George and CTM (Commercial) S. Rajesh, visited the RTC House here and signed the MoU.

The recommendations of both the State transport organisations will be submitted to the respective governments for consideration, said Mr. Tirumala Rao.

Anguish in A.P. over Budget aid to Upper Bhadra project

Union government to provide ₹5,300 crore to the project that will help Karnataka; activists say that despite assured allocation, Andhra Pradesh may not get enough water in a lean rainfall year

Ramesh Susarla
ANANTAPUR

The decision of the Union government to provide a ₹5,300-crore assistance for the Upper Bhadra Lift Irrigation Project, which will divert 29.9 tmcft of water from the Tunga and the Bhadra rivers to irrigate central Karnataka areas, has created a sense of anguish among the people of Kurnool and Anantapur districts of Andhra Pradesh, as it could deprive them or delay getting their share of allocated water from the Tungabhadra dam.

The Anantapur Municipal Corporation areas and 160 villages in the undivided Anantapur district get their drinking water from the Tungabhadra dam through the Tungabhadra high-level main canal, in addition to irrigation needs of Kurnool, Anantapur and Kadapa districts.

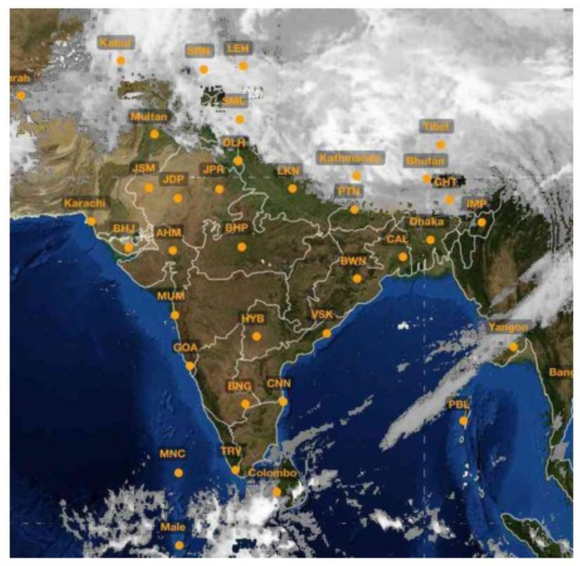
The Sangameswaram temple on the backwaters of Srisailam reservoir, which is otherwise under water, emerges as the water level depletes in the dam on Thursday. U. SUBRAMANYAM

The lifting of 17.4 tmcft from the Tunga river upstream of the dam will delay the filling of the dam in the beginning of the month soon and the current average water intake starting time of July 20 to 30 could get pushed to August if there is no sufficient early rain, say Anantapur Urban MLA Anantha Venkatarami Reddy and Public Accounts Committee Chairman Payyavula Keshav.

The Rayalseema activists, including Makireddy Purushottama Reddy, coordinator of Rayalaseema Intellectuals Forum, said the State government should have pitched for the Rayalaseema Irrigation projects, as during lean years if 30 tmcft is diverted in Upper Bhadra, there will be no water for Rayalaseema districts despite assured allocation.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Friday: Thunderstorm accompanied with lightning likely at isolated places over Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala, Mahe and Lakshadweep. Cold wave conditions likely in isolated pockets over Odisha and Madhya Pradesh

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	27.8	14.2	Kozhikode	—	34.0	24.6
Ahmedabad	—	29.7	13.0	Kurnool	—	33.6	20.0
Aizawl	—	25.0	12.8	Lucknow	—	24.2	8.6
Allahabad	—	24.7	8.4	Madurai	0.1	25.8	24.0
Bengaluru	—	26.6	17.8	Mangaluru	—	35.2	22.5
Bhopal	—	—	6.5	Mumbai	—	34.8	24.8
Bhubaneswar	—	32.2	16.5	Mysuru	—	30.0	14.2
Chandigarh	—	26.2	9.9	New Delhi	—	24.3	8.3
Chennai	0.8	29.1	23.8	Patna	—	22.3	12.0
Coimbatore	—	29.9	21.8	Port Blair	—	30.7	25.3
Dehradun	—	26.8	9.0	Puducherry	2.9	28.1	22.2
Gangtok	—	16.9	9.6	Pune	—	29.9	16.3
Goa	—	35.2	22.0	Raipur	—	30.0	14.6
Guwahati	—	27.7	16.8	Ranchi	—	27.0	10.4
Hubballi	—	32.0	17.0	Shillong	—	19.4	7.5
Hyderabad	—	30.2	17.8	Shimla	—	17.2	7.4
Imphal	—	28.3	11.2	Srinagar	—	7.8	0.4
Jaipur	—	26.1	8.4	Thiruvananthapuram	—	29.6	25.5
Kochi	—	31.8	25.0	Tiruchi	0.3	25.1	23.6
Kohima	—	—	8.9	Vijayawada	—	32.2	21.4
Kolkata	—	24.9	15.7	Visakhapatnam	—	31.7	22.4

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.14	..4	..5	...120	...135	
Bengaluru	.20	..11	.13	...119	...113	
Chennai	.24	..28	.69	83	74	
Delhi	...5	..93	.77	...236	...301	
Hyderabad	...6	..50	.41	...164	...152	
Kolkata	...9	..13	.54	...151	...120	
Lucknow	.18	..42	.57	...208	...175	
Mumbai	.34	282	.46	...343	...176	
Pune	115	169	111	...296	...180	
Visakhapatnam	..—	..43	.36	...148	...184	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Byrnihat, Assam recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 394 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Nandesari, Gujarat recorded a healthy AQI score of 12

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Kerala recovered strongly, clocked 12.01% growth in 2021-22, says Economic Review

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The Kerala economy posted a "strong recovery" in 2021-22 with the Gross State Domestic product (GSDP) clocking a 12.01% growth at constant prices, the Economic Review, 2022 published on Thursday said.

The growth rate was up from -8.43% recorded during the pandemic-plagued 2020-21. The 2021-22 growth is the highest recorded since 2012-13, according to the document tabled in the State Assembly by Finance Minister K.N. Balagopal ahead of Friday's Budget presentation.

"The State managed to achieve recovery primarily through a counter-cyclical fiscal policy implemented through various stimulus packages," the review noted.

Growth across various sectors revealed a positive trend over the previous fiscal. The agriculture and allied sectors registered a growth of 4.64% in 2021-22 compared to 0.24% in 2020-21, industry from -2.82% to 3.87%, and the service sector from -14.44% to 17.3% in 2021-22.

Fiscal deficit dipped to 4.11% and revenue deficit to 2.29%, it said.

Public debt

The outstanding public debt of the State stood at ₹2,19,974.54 crore at the end of 2021-22. The annual growth rate of public debt decreased from 14.34% to 10.16%, and the public debt-GSDP ratio from 25.90% to 24.26% in 2021-22 compared to the previous fiscal.

Revenue receipts in 2021-22 stood at ₹1,16,640.24 crore. The State's own tax revenue rose to ₹58,340.52 crore compared to ₹47,660.84 crore in 2020-21.

Telangana Budget Session starts today

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

The Budget Session of the Telangana Legislature is set to start from Friday.

After a gap of one year, the Budget Session is starting with the address of Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan to the joint sitting of the legislature – the Legislative Assembly and Council – after the stalemate between the Raj Bhavan and Pragati Bhavan, the Chief Minister's office, has been resolved through mutual negotiations. The Governor's address is expected to be followed by the discussion on Motion of Thanks to her for her address after which Finance Minister T. Harish Rao is likely to present the annual financial statement for 2023-24 on February 6.

The State government made elaborate security arrangements in view of the Budget Session.

'Return recommendation to elevate lawyer Victoria Gowri'

Mohamed Imranullah S.
CHENNAI

A group of 21 lawyers, including N.G.R. Prasad, senior counsel R. Vaigai and V. Suresh have written to President Droupadi Murmu urging her to return the Supreme Court Collegium's January 17 recommendation to elevate advocate Victoria Gowri as a judge of the Madras High Court.

In their representation, the advocates expressed surprise over the collegium having recommended Ms. Gowri's name despite her "hate speeches" against minorities being available in the form of interviews on YouTube and in publications associated with the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh.

Victoria Gowri

In support of their case, they flagged comments she had made about conversions and 'love jihad'. In one interview for instance, she had accused the Roman Catholics of indulging in nefarious activities and insisted that Bharatanatyam should not be performed for Christian songs.

Her statements amount to inciting communal discord and call for registration of criminal cases against her, the advocates said.

"Ms. Gowri's regressive views are completely antithetical to foundational constitutional values and reflect her deep- rooted religious bigotry making her unfit to be appointed as a High Court judge... Can any litigant belonging to Muslim or Christian [communities] ever hope to get justice in her court if she becomes a judge?" the lawyers asked. The letter also states: "The Collegium's recommendation of a person who harbours such strong antipathy towards the minority community is disturbing, to say the least."

The lawyers have also sent a separate representation to the top three judges constituting the top court collegium urging them to withdraw their decision.

PFI hartal: HC orders release of assets erroneously attached

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

A Division Bench of the Kerala High Court on Thursday directed the State government to forthwith ensure that the erroneously attached properties of persons who have no connection with the banned Popular Front of India (PFI) are released.

The Bench comprising Justice A. Jayasankaran Nambiar and Justice Mohammed Nias C.P. passed the order in a *suo motu* contempt of court case initiated against A. Abdul Sathar, State secretary of the outlawed PFI, and other office-bearers for holding a flash hartal in September 2022. The State government earlier informed the court that since all the procedures for attachment of properties were initiated within a limited time period, some mistakes crept in due to similarities in the names, addresses, survey numbers, etc., of the properties identified.

Two charred to death

The Hindu Bureau
KANNUR

Two persons, including a pregnant woman, were charred to death when the car in which they were travelling caught fire in Kerala's Kannur on Thursday. Four people, who were sitting in the back seat, escaped unhurt.

The dead were identified as T.V. Prajith, 32, and his wife K. Reesha, 26, who was pregnant. As per preliminary probe, the fire could have been caused by short-circuit.

TDP leader shot at in A.P.; four held

The Hindu Bureau
NARASARAOPET

The Telugu Desam Party mandal president of Rompicherla in Narasaraopet Assembly Constituency of Palnadu district in Andhra Pradesh was seriously injured when he was shot at by three persons on Wednesday night. He has been admitted to a private hospital and is said to be out of danger. According to the police, the accused opened two rounds of fire with a country-made pistol, when Venna Balakoti Reddy was sleeping in his house in Alavala village, around 11 p.m.

Superintendent of Police Ravi Shankar Reddy said the police on Thursday arrested Pammi Venkateswara Reddy and Pujala Ramudu of Alavala village, Vantipuli Venkateswarlu of Nudurupadu village, and Puli Anjireddy of Dondapadu village in Narasaraopet mandal in connection with the incident.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my clients have agreed to purchase the Schedule Property from its Owners: **Sri.D.R.SRINIVAS also known as DEVATHA PANDURANGAN SRINIVAS and Sri.D.R.RAJESH,** both are sons of Sri.D.R.Rangan alias D.R.Panduranga Setty, residing at: No.271, 36th A Cross, 7th Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru-560070.

Apart from the said Owners, if any other person/s have any manner of right, title and or interest or claim or charge or lien over the Schedule property or otherwise have any lawful objection/s for sale of the Schedule Property by the aforesaid Owners, they are hereby called upon to file their objection/s in writing, along with the photocopies of documents on which they rely, with the undersigned, within **10 days** from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Municipal No.90 (old No.91), PID No.46-4-90, measuring East to West 30 ft and North to South 108 ft, with a building thereon comprised of stilt, ground plus two upper floors, situated at 2nd Main Road, Chamarajpet, Bangalore and bounded on the:

East by : Private property No.89
West by : Private property No.91
North by : 2nd Main Road
South by : Conservancy

Sd/- Goutam Chand S.F
Advocate
Goutam Associates
No.60, 2nd Floor, Kanakapura Road,
Basavanagudi, Bangalore – 560 004

IN THE COURT OF THE XXXV ADDL. CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-36)
F.D.P. No.121/2019 IN O.S. No.3229/2018
Between:
Sri Nagappa.B. for SPA Holder
Smt B.N. Yeshoda, W/o. Nandish Kumar, D/o. B. Nagappa, Aged about 36 years, both are residing at No.37, 1st B Main Road, 7th Cross, Mukambikanagar, Hosakerehalli, Bangalore-560085 ...Petitioner
And:
1. Smt Madduramma, W/o.Chikkanna, Aged about 59 years, residing at No.1014, New No.61, 2nd Main, M.C.Layout, Magadi Main Road, West of Chord Road, Vijayanagar, Ward No.36, Bengaluru-560 040.
2. Smt Gowramma, W/o. Sudhir, Aged about 53 years, Residing at No.421, 6th Cross, Opp. Om Shakthi Temple, Ullal Upanagar, Bengaluru-560110.
3. Smt Nirmala, W/o. Puttaswamy, Aged about 52 years, residing at No.1014, New No.61, 2nd Main, M.C.Layout, Magadi Main Road, West of Chord Road, Vijayanagar, Ward No.36, Bengaluru-560 040.
4. Sri Basavaraj, S/o. late Basappa, Aged about 57 years, Residing at No.421, 6th Cross, Opp. Om Shakthi Temple, Ullal Upanagar, Bengaluru-560110.
5. Sri Prakash, S/o. late Basappa, Aged about 50 years, Residing at No.46 & 47 2nd Main Road, 4th Cross, Sai Baba Mandir Road, Kamakshipalya Extension, Bengaluru-560 079. ...Respondents
PUBLIC SALE AUCTION
Whereas the above name petitioner has instituted a suit against the respondents for Partition and separate possession and other relief.
That this Hon'ble court directed to the Court Commissioner by name Ranganathaiah.A, Advocate, Bangalore, to sell the property in public auction forthwith and deposit the sale proceeds before this Hon'ble Court.
Hence anybody interested are hereby intimated to participate in the Public Sale Auction to be held at Door No.1014, MC Layout, 2nd Main Vijayanagar, Bangalore-560 040, **on 27.02.2023 at 11.00 clock to 5 p.m.**
The Sale auction property is a **House property bearing No. 1014, New No.61, situated at 2nd Main, M.C. Layout, Magadi Main Road, West of Chord Road, Vijayanagar, Bangalore- 560040, measuring East to West: 25 feet and North to South: 40 feet, totally measuring 1000 Sq.ft consisting three houses** and bounded on: East by: House No.1013, West by: House No.1015, North by: House No.1003, South by: Road.
Given under my hand and seal of the court on this 2.2.2023 **By Order of the Court,**
***Sd/-* Assistant Registrar,**
City Civil Court, Bangalore
Advocate for Petitioner:
Sri Krishnaiah, Advocate,
No.1, 12th 'A' Cross,
Near Venkateshwara Bakery Sweets,
Magadi Main Road, Agrahara Dasarahalli,
Bangalore-560 079. Mob: 98451 66682

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public are hereby notified and informed that I, Azeem Raja had purchased a scheduled property from Sri.Nagesh.Who originally had purchased the said property from Smt. Shakuntala to whom the property had been allotted by BDA. Thereafter,while travelling on 21/02/2022 the Allotment letter and Possession certificate of the said property were lost and a complaint has been lodged online with the Bangalore City Police on 21/02/2022.If any person/s come in contact of the same or found they may kindly return the same to me at the below mentioned address.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Site No. 2736 (9x6 m) Arkavathi Layout 7th Block , Jakkur Village, Bangalore.

Azeem Raja.S
No. 68, 4th Cross, 1st Stage,
Okalipuram, Bangalore-560021.
Mob: 9900013041

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public are hereby notified that our client Mr. M. NARENDRA KINI and Mr.M. PRASHANTH KINI both sons of Late. M. Dayanand Kini have lost Page No.08 and 09 of the Original Sale Deed dated 11.04.2001, Bearing Document No. 75/2001-02, Book-1, Volume 2318 at Pages 235-239, Registered at the office of the Sub-Registrar, Doddaballapura pertaining to the Site No. 317, E-Katha No. 15030302700100147, in Sy.No. 25 (duly converted for residential usage purpose by the Assistant Commissioner, Doddaballapura Sub-Division vide Official Order No. ALN/SR (DB)16/1996-97 dated 19.02.1997, situated at Oodanahalli Village, Toobagere Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, measuring East to West 15.50 meters and North to South 17.56 meters totally 272.39 Square meters and bounded on the East by : Road, West by : Site No. 314, North by: Site No. 316 and South by: Site No. 318. In this regard a Police Complaint dated 27.01.2023 has been filed/lodged by Mrs. M Vathsala Kini (mother and GPA holder of our client) with Karnataka State Police in Lost Report No.0456939/2023. If any person/s finds the said document kindly inform the advocate stated herein. If any person/s misuses the said document, the same is not binding on our clients and they shall do so at their own risk.

C.K.V.K. LAW ASSOCIATES
Mr. VENKATESH CHANDRAN M.A., L.L.B.
Advocates & Legal Consultants
Bangalore-43. M: 9845846428, 7204863700

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public are hereby informed that, our client has proposed to purchase the Schedule property from its present owner **SMT.A.SUKESHENI REDDY** Person/s, Financial Institution/s, Bank objecting for the proposed purchase or having any right, share, title and interest in the Schedule property may lodge their objections/claims with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence within **2 weeks** from this day of publication and any objection/claims received thereafter will not be binding on our client and our client will proceed to purchase the below mentioned Schedule property as if there are no claims/objections.

-:SCHEDULE PROPERTY:-

All that piece and parcel of an immovable residential property bearing **Site Nos.367 & 368,** having PID No.72-38-367-368, formed out of Survey Nos.57 to 82 formed by THE AMARJYOTHI HOUSE BUILDING CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LIMITED, Situated at **Domlur Village Civil area, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore,** Layout plan Sanctioned by Bangalore Development Authority, and measuring on East to West 60 Ft. and North to South 50 Ft. in all measuring 3000 Sq.Ft., and bounded on: **East by: Site No.369, West by: Site No.366, North by: Road, South by : Site No.374 & 373,** along with Commercial building measuring 1400 Sq.Ft. each on Ground Floor & First Floor & 1400 Sq.Ft. residential building on Second Floor totally 4200 Sq.Ft. built up area constructed thereon with brick walls, RCC roofing, Ceramic Flooring, Honne wood doors and window shutters and having water, electricity and drainage connections to it.

V.S.Rai & Associates, LAW FIRM
No.23,"Venkatadri" 6th Main,
5th Cross, S.R.Nagar, Bangalore-27.
Mob: 9844155041, 9620579310.

PUBLIC NOTICE

General public are cautioned that the GPA dated 27.08.2012 Registered in the Senior Sub Registrar Gandhinagar Bangalore vide Document No. GAN-4-00140-2012-13, CD NO. GAND139 given by my clients **(1) SRI. NARAYANAPPA,** S/o late Appayyanna @ Appaiah, **(1a). SMT. RADHAMMA,** D/o Narayanappa, **(1b). SMT. SUJATHA,** D/o Sri. Narayanappa, **(1c). SMT. MANJULA,** D/o Sri. Narayanappa, **(2) SMT VIJAYAMMA,** W/o Late Krishnappa, D/o Late Appayyanna @ Appaiah, **(2a) SMT. SANDHYA,** D/o Late Krishnappa, **(2b) SMT. KRUPA,** D/o Late Krishnappa, **(3a) Smt. CHANDRAKALA,** W/o Sri. Kantharaju, **(3b) SMT. HARSHITA,** D/o Sri. Kantharaju, **(3c). SRI. HARSHA,** S/o Sri Kantharaju R/at Ramagondanahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District in favour of **M/s. S V S Properties India Ltd.,** No.216/12, Suraj Towers, 4th Floor, 27th Cross, 3rd Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560011 represented by its Managing director **Sri S V S Sudheer Babu** in respect of **Sy. No. 55/4, measuring 2 acres 6 guntas, of Ramagundanahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk.** Having been withdrawn and cancelled, not to risk entering in to any transaction with him.

Sd/-
Rajanna, Advocate
No.16, Basement No.36, MKS Arcade,
Bellary Main Road, Ganganagar,
Bengaluru-560032. M.No. 9845543701

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my client has negotiated to purchase the schedule property from its owner **Sri Venkatravi, M S/o late M. Ramanaiah** aged about 36 years, residing at Bharathinagara village, Bettahalasur post, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk (herein after referred to a seller) for valuable consideration. Any person/s claiming any right, title or interest of whatsoever nature over the sites formed in schedule property is called upon to lodge such claim with the undersigned, with supporting documents within **5 days** from the date of this publication. In the event no claim/s is received within the stipulated time, it shall be law full for my client to presume that there are no valid claim/s adverse to afore said seller's right, title and interest in the schedule properties and proceed with the proposed sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Item no 1: All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing **Sy no 102/2** measuring to an extent of 0-30 guntas situated at **Kattigenahalli village, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk** and bounded on the : **East by: remaining portion of same Sy. No 102, West by: Sy no 113, North by: Sy no 103, South by: remaining portion of same Sy. No 102,**
Item no 2: All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing **Sy no 103** measuring to an Extent of 2 acres 06 guntas, situated at **Kattigenahalli village, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk** and bounded on the : **East by: Sy no 100, West by: Sy no 104, North by: Palanahalli Tank, South by: Sy. No 102,**

PRATHAP.C.A, Advocate
Office at No 1461, Ground floor,
Behind post office, Nehrunagara,
BBRoad, Yelahanka, Bengaluru -560064
Ph: 9066451456
Yelahanka Date : 02-02-2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

General public are cautioned that the JOINT DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT dated 27.08.2012 Registered in the Senior Sub Registrar Gandhinagar Bangalore vide Document No. GAN-1-01696-2012-13, CD NO. GAND139. entered by my clients **(1) SRI. NARAYANAPPA,** S/o late Appayyanna @ Appaiah, **(1a). SMT. RADHAMMA,** D/o Narayanappa, **(1b). SMT. SUJATHA,** D/o Sri. Narayanappa, **(1c). SMT. MANJULA,** D/o Sri. Narayanappa, **(2) SMT VIJAYAMMA,** W/o Late Krishnappa, D/o Late Appayyanna @ Appaiah, **(2a) SMT. SANDHYA,** D/o Late Krishnappa, **(2b) SMT. KRUPA,** D/o Late Krishnappa, **(3a) Smt. CHANDRAKALA,** W/o Sri. Kantharaju, **(3b) SMT. HARSHITA,** D/o Sri. Kantharaju, **(3c). SRI. HARSHA,** S/o Sri Kantharaju R/at Ramagondanahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District in favour of **M/s. S V S Properties India Ltd.,** No.216/12, Suraj Towers, 4th Floor, 27th Cross, 3rd Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560011 represented by its Managing director **Sri S V S Sudheer Babu** in respect of **Sy. No. 55/4, measuring 2 acres 6 guntas, of Ramagundanahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk.** Having been withdrawn and cancelled, not to risk entering in to any transaction with him.

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A shot for science

More funding for research must be met with easing of bureaucratic procedures

The Budget speech in the year preceding a general election is usually one that seeks to appease as wide a swathe of society as possible. It follows that ministries that fund the bulk of research and development (R&D) too would see a healthy jump in allocation. The Ministry of Science & Technology has received an allocation of ₹16,361.42 crore this year, on paper an impressive 15% increase from the previous estimate. However, between 2021-22 and 2022-23, the Ministry had seen a 3.9% decrease. The bulk of the hike has gone to the Department of Science and Technology (DST) – ₹7,931.05 crore, up 32.1% from last year. It was ₹2,683.86 crore for the Department of Biotechnology, or DBT (a nominal hike of 3.9%), and ₹5,746.51 crore (1.9%) for the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR). The Deep Ocean mission – which includes among other components developing a deep-submersible vehicle – and the National Research Foundation have got substantially higher hikes than in previous years, a sign that they are the Centre's immediate focus.

There were multiple references in the Budget speech for investing in dedicated centres for excellence in 'Artificial intelligence' research, initiatives to scale up technology to produce laboratory-made diamonds and a centre for research in sickle cell anaemia. While all of these efforts could be spread out across multiple arms of government, none of the budgetary allocations suggests a significant scale up of basic research. As with previous governments, this government too has not succeeded in increasing the percentage of spend on research and development to beyond 1% of GDP. While different countries define R&D spends variously, a rule of thumb suggests that developed and technologically advanced countries spend over 2% of their GDP on R&D, and India, according to a 2022 estimate by the Global Innovation Index, continues to hover around 0.7% despite being among the world's largest producers of scientific literature. While funds are not the only challenge to research and development in India, the lack of significant raises across departments shows that the absorptive capacity of scientific institutions in the country is limited. A major challenge continues to be research scholars not getting promised funds on time and the wait for the quality equipment required by researchers, continuing to be mired in a maze of bureaucratic whimsy. The bulk of research continues to be funded by government and the participation of the private sector has grown only incrementally. In the next few years, the government must not only increase the size of the funding pie but also ease the procedures to make the most efficient use of it.

Fire and ice

Ladakh and its people need the urgent attention of the government

Picturesque Ladakh has been on edge ever since it was carved out as a Union Territory (UT) from the erstwhile State of Jammu and Kashmir in 2019. After a brief period of jubilation over the status of a separate UT, a long-pending demand from Buddhists of the region, the locals have only grown restive. An agitation demanding the inclusion of the region in the Sixth Schedule under Article 244 of the Constitution (special protection to tribal populations) boiled over last week after Sonam Wangchuk, a Magsaysay winner, went on a fast. Soon after its creation as a UT in August 2019, Ladakh came under a bureaucracy that the local population found to be hostile and irresponsive. The constant tussle between locals, elected representatives of two Hill Councils of Kargil and Leh, and the bureaucracy only widened over the months. Leh's political and religious bodies formed the Leh Apex Body (LAB) in 2020, headed by former BJP leader and former Member of Parliament Thupstan Chhewang (he is also an elected president of the influential Ladakh Buddhist Association). In Kargil district, political parties, including the National Conference and the Congress, and Shia Muslim-affiliated seminaries joined hands in November 2020 to form the Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA). Kargil, unlike Leh, is for re-joining with the erstwhile J&K State and restoration of its special status under Article 370.

Despite the differences in their political stands, LAB and the KDA are now together over common goals. They have put forth four major demands before the Centre, which include restoration of full-fledged Statehood, constitutional safeguards under the Sixth Schedule, separate Lok Sabha seats for Leh and Kargil districts and job reservation for locals. They describe the demands as key to protecting Ladakh's identity, culture and the fragile environment. The Centre appears to be in a bind as the two committees it appointed to reassure the local populations have made little headway in the last two years. In fact the second committee appointed this year under Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai has only deepened local anger, as it has no mandate to address the issues being raised. Ladakh witnessed a major military incursion from China in 2020, just 10 months after J&K's special status was scrapped and the erstwhile State divided. That conflict remains unresolved. In the absence of drastic measures to assuage the locals by meeting their genuine demands, the region will only remain embroiled to the advantage of those intent on fomenting trouble.

A right reading of post-cleavage political parties

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The rise of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) is often represented in the popular media as the triumph of a post-ideological politics. Such a facile notion stems from an erroneous division of politics into an "ideological realm" (the domain of cleavage politics), and a "good governance realm" (the domain of aggregative politics). Thus, we end up in a situation where we try to understand the success of AAP without any reference to its crucial ideological underpinnings.

It is a significant analytical mistake, not least because ideology can power the dynamic of both cleavage politics (the differential mobilisation of competing social groups) as well as aggregative politics (the construction of a dominant coalition spanning across social groups). The grounding of AAP's aggregative politics within a clear ideological framework is not only crucial for a sharper appreciation of AAP's own political appeal but also for situating its mode of political mobilisation within a larger political churning in the regional party space.

A comparison between Arvind Kejriwal's AAP and Naveen Patnaik's Biju Janata Dal (BJD) is ideal as these political parties are the clearest exemplars of a "post cleavage" turn (rather than a "post-ideological" turn) that has marked a new generation of regional parties. Some patterns of this post-cleavage paradigm can also be discerned in the political strategies of new regional parties such as the TRS (Telangana Rashtra Samithi which is now the Bharat Rashtra Samithi, or the BRS) and the YSR Congress Party (YSRCP), even as their continued organisational till towards a dominant farming caste (Velamas and Reddys, respectively) make them more ambiguous case studies. What is the basic ideological framework of post-cleavage parties such as the BJD and AAP? This can be answered by dividing an ideological framework into three different dimensions (moral, distributive and discursive) and demonstrating what sets the BJD and AAP apart on all of these dimensions.

The moral and distributive dimension

Both AAP and the BJD skew towards a certain conception of representative democracy, where elections are viewed primarily as a mechanism to ensure popular accountability over government functioning rather than as a mechanism to ensure the fair representation of group interests in the democratic process. To be sure, the logic of political representation never really took root in Odisha or Delhi, given the historical entrenchment of urban middle-class interests and the weak politicisation of caste identity in both the States. Odisha is one of the few major States where the political elite has largely remained disconnected from the countryside, anchored as it is among the upper castes and professional middle classes of the coastal belt. The historical dominance of mining over agriculture in the State's developmental trajectory shifted the balance of power from a rural aristocracy to an urban aristocracy that comprised upper caste (largely Brahman-Karan) bureaucrats and industrialists (Mohanty 1990). Meanwhile, the appropriation of upwardly-mobile middle-caste Khandayat farmers into the larger Karan fold defused the possibility of any subsequent politicisation of rural caste identity. Similarly, the cleavages of caste are not as politicised in Delhi as in its neighbouring States because of its history as a bureaucrat-run Union Territory which was only granted partial statehood in 1993.

> The grounding of AAP's aggregative politics within a clear ideological framework, for example, is crucial for a sharper appreciation of its appeal and an understanding of its mode of mobilisation within the regional party space

This yawning representational deficit combined with a more intense form of crony-capitalism in the post-liberalisation decades, led to widespread cynicism about institutional politics in both the States. The frustration with a malfunctioning local-level bureaucracy became interlocked with anger at high-profile corruption scandals. The consequent centre-staging of an anti-corruption discourse reinforced the need for a strongman leader who could put a lid on corruption and prevent the leakage of public resources into the hands of a small, well-networked elite. It is worth quoting a passage from James Manor's 2015 study on the dominance of the BJD in Odisha: "What about corruption? An oft-heard narrative in Odisha provides this answer: 'a clean Chief Minister who is also a stern disciplinarian has tidied the system up (a) by centralising and thus depriving subordinates of influence to sell, and (b) by punishing those who are caught profiteering'".

In his 1965 study of the Congress party in Uttar Pradesh, Paul Brass had commended the "integrative function" of traditional Congress factionalism. "Factional conflict also broadens the base of participation within the party as each faction competes for wider group support...by drawing in new caste and religious groups," Brass wrote. Yet, the Congress factions in Odisha (a State where Dalits and tribals form around 40% of the population) not only remained insular, as political scientist Ramashray Roy (1998) has explained, but also devolved into a chaotic scramble for tickets and the spoils of power. This kind of factionalism only reinforced perceptions of a corrupt, feckless regime.

In contrast, the BJD under Mr. Patnaik kept the party organisation deliberately weak. The aggregative populism of parties such as the BJD and AAP is acutely aware of the inevitable clashes between caste/community or interest-based groups that saddle party organisations. Instead, they try to forge "umbrella coalitions" from above, through their broad-based, programmatic welfare-oriented leadership. The BJD's patronage strategy, for instance, involved buying off local elites and cultivating the Odiya media, without allowing for an independent centre of power to emerge in the organisation. Meanwhile, the high-rent economy of both States has been leveraged into the creation of a few marquee welfare schemes, or some grand infrastructure projects, carried out through a centralised bureaucratic apparatus. Moreover, these universal schemes have been exclusively linked to the personality of an 'honest' Chief Minister, enabling both parties to evolve a powerful programmatic appeal spanning across communities.

The discursive dimension

The aggregative thrust of these post-cleavage parties also extends to the articulation of a broad-based regional identity that can include everyone within its ambit. A strident linguistic identity, even in a relatively less heterogenous State, can exclude large groups of people. One can recall the uneasy relationship between the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam and Dalits or the Asom Gana Parishad (AGP) with tribal groups such as Bodos and Mishings.

In States which are more sociologically and geographically diverse, such as Odisha and Delhi, a political strategy centred on a narrowly defined regional identity is even more fraught with risks. While the BJD's Odisha model lays emphasis on social harmony more than progressivism/secularism, Chief Minister Patnaik has periodically reiterated the necessity of an inclusive Odia identity for the progress of the State. The association of social strife with an 'anti-developmental agenda' has helped the party to keep right-wing forces at bay. The BJD has made steady incursions into Dalit and tribal groups since the riots in Kandhamal in 2008, when it broke off its alliance with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). The BJP, meanwhile, has flailed in finding a coherent Hindutva narrative. The Odiya ethnic landscape is complex: for instance, the violence in Kandhamal can be seen as both "Hindu versus Christian" as well as "Tribal versus Dalit" violence. The overlapping social identities do not easily lend themselves to a communalised grand narrative as much to an overarching developmental model – the 'Delhi model' or the 'Odisha model' where aspiration replaces identity.

To be sure, this combination of a strong Chief Minister/centralised administration and a weak party machinery is not an exclusive feature to these two parties. Nevertheless, the ideological grounding given by AAP and the BJD to their politics makes them good exemplars of the post-cleavage turn in Indian State politics.

Trading more within Asia makes economic sense

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South Asia should now have a re-look at regional trade across Asia after the warning by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) on January 31, 2023, that global trade would slow down from 5.4% in 2022 to 2.4% in 2023. This forecast is optimistic with polycrisis risks such as an escalating Russia-Ukraine war, a decoupling from global supply chains and tackling variants of the COVID-19 virus.

A recently published paper in an IMF book, "South Asia's Path to Resilient Growth", argues that a strong base exists for South Asia trading more with dynamic East Asia: since the 1990s, South Asia-East Asia trade has gathered pace, which is linked to India's trade re-aligning towards East Asia through its 'Look East' and 'Act East' policies, South Asia adopting reforms, and also China offshoring global supply chains to Asia. The total merchandise trade between South Asia and East Asia (in dollar terms) grew at about 10% annually between 1990 and 2018 to $332 billion in 2018, and could reach about $500 billion looking ahead. The handful of free trade agreements (FTAs) linking economies in South Asia with East Asia may rise to 30 by 2030.

In addition, regional trade in Asia is recovering after the COVID-19 pandemic and has opened opportunities for South Asia to participate in global value chains and services trade.

Steps beginning with tax reform calibration

What then needs to be done?

First, regional trade integration across Asia can be encouraged by gradually reducing barriers to goods and services trade. Import tariffs and murky non-tariff measures have risen in several South Asian economies since the 2008 global financial crisis – and never reversed. To get beyond this, South Asia's trade opening should be calibrated with tax reforms as trade taxes account for much of government revenue in some economies. Adjustment financing to losing sectors to reallocate factors of production and re-training of workers is also essential to promote gains from trade and mitigate income inequality.

> Narrower geographical coverage between South Asia and Southeast Asia may be a building block for eventual trade integration across Asia

Second, improve the performance of special economic zones (SEZs) and invest in services SEZs to facilitate industrial clustering and exports. South Asia has over 600 SEZs in operation, in Kochi (India), Gwadar (Pakistan), Mirsarai (Bangladesh) and Hambantota (Sri Lanka). However, these SEZs have a variable record in terms of exports and jobs and fostering domestic linkages. Competitive fiscal incentives only matter on the margin in the locational decisions of multinationals, and long tax holidays deprive economies of vital tax revenue. Improving SEZ processes and outcomes in South Asia requires ensuring macroeconomic and political stability, adopting good practice regulatory policies towards investors, providing reliable electricity and 5G broadband cellular technology, and also upgrading worker skills.

Third, pursue comprehensive FTAs that eventually lead to the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) to provide for a regional rules-based trade to insure against rising protectionism. While South Asia is a latecomer to FTAs when compared to East Asia, it has made a start with the Japan-India FTA, the Sri Lanka-Singapore FTA and the Pakistan-Indonesia FTA.

RCEP membership

But the devil is in the detail. South Asian economies need to improve tariff preference use by better preparing business in navigating the complex rules of origin in FTAs and including issues relevant to global supply chains in future FTAs. Although India opted out of the RCEP talks in November 2019, the door is still open for it to join the agreement. India has also concluded FTAs with the United Arab Emirates and Australia in 2022. The confidence gained from these can help prepare for future RCEP membership by undertaking structural reforms to boost business competitiveness in supply chains and foster greater regulatory coherence with East Asia.

If India joins RCEP, the rest of South Asia may be incentivised to join out of a fear of being left out and suffering from trade diversion effects.

Fourth, a reinvented trade-focused Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) can facilitate stronger trade ties and support the interests of smaller members. Inactivity in the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) means that India is laying emphasis on BIMSTEC to foster South Asia and Southeast Asia cooperation. Reinventing BIMSTEC requires better resourcing its Secretariat, concluding the long-running BIMSTEC FTA, building trade capacity in smaller economies, and introducing dialogue partner status to encourage open regionalism in Asia.

While broad South Asia-East Asia trade may be desirable, the advent of increasingly complex geopolitics might rule this out for some time. Accordingly, a narrower geographical coverage between South Asia and Southeast Asia may be a building block for eventual trade integration across Asia. To mitigate a backlash against regionalisation, the larger economies should facilitate gains from trade to the smaller economies.

Slowing global trade means that trading more within Asia makes economic sense. Having the political will to implement pro-trade policies can improve the lives of Asians. India is South Asia's largest economy and its G-20 presidency can be a good platform to initiate these changes.

The views expressed are personal

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Budget this year

The sugar-coated Budget, for 2023-24, is a dark cloud over the working class and senior citizens.

The absence of any concrete relief in the form of 80C, in respect of savings, is an unpleasant aspect of the Budget. A sizeable increase in the deposit limit for the Senior Citizen Savings Scheme and Monthly Income Account Scheme will not serve any purpose. These schemes are not attractive as the interest income is fully taxable. Senior citizens may not be in a position to invest their hard-earned savings in both schemes, thereby inviting payment of additional tax for the interest paid. The enhancement in the limit only has a negative impact as far as the savings culture is concerned.

P.S. Rajagopalan,
Chennai

I vividly recall a cartoon by R.K. Laxman (March 15, 1989), which is still relevant even today: "I don't know. I didn't read it and in any way you can say that the poor are let down, the salaried class is hit and it's a sell out to the rich."

The Finance Minister has planned the Budget well. But there is always room to oppose it.

A.P. Thiruvadi,
Chennai

Budget 2023 needs some applause as there does seem to be evidence of some thought having gone into the various allocations and benefits. The fretting and the fuming is always there whenever the Budget is presented annually by the Union Finance Ministers concerned. This has to be taken in one's stride. Eventually, the stark fact is that the credit will go to the materfamilias in any household when she prunes the monthly family budget and cuts the coat according to the cloth.

Mani Natarajan,
Chennai

The slash in the budgetary allocation for MGNREGA is a blow to thousands of poor citizens who bank on this scheme. NREGA has been the only project to date which directly involves the poorest of the poor in rural India. Taking away what spells solace to them is not good for a socialist mixed economy like India.

Thomas Joseph Kunnath,
Thuruthy, Kerala

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Should the government put out a white paper on Ladakh?

Lieutenant General Satish Dua,

former Corps Commander of the Kashmir-based Chinar Corps, retired as Chief of Integrated Defence Staff

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A report prepared for a security conference in Delhi set off a controversy by stating that India has lost access to 26 of 65 patrolling points along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) since the Galwan Valley clash in April 2020. External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar emphasised again that no territory has been ceded to China, while the Opposition has called for the government to clarify matters on the LAC. In a conversation moderated by **Suhasini Haidar**, Satish Dua and Manoj Joshi discuss whether the government should put out a white paper on Ladakh. Edited excerpts:

How do you see the report, prepared by a senior police officer in Ladakh, that says India has lost patrolling access to 26 of 65 patrolling points since 2020?

Satish Dua: The Superintendent of Police in Leh would have very little experience, or exposure, to the border patrols and patrol points. If the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), which does some of the patrolling, as the Army does in those parts, had brought out the report, I would have found that more credible.

Manoj Joshi: I see it in the context of the fact that the government has not been telling us much about the situation at the LAC. If a police officer has brought out a report for a conference of the Director-Generals of Police, sponsored by the Intelligence Bureau, the officer would have spoken to many people, including the ITBP, to write it. The report gives specific numbers of patrolling points, and I see no error in them. For example, if you look at the Depsang bulge, the report has named each of the patrolling points there. I would call the report credible. It shows that the situation in Ladakh along the LAC appears to be more serious than has been disclosed by the government.

Looking back at all that has happened since 2020, how do you judge the government's response to China's actions as distinct from the military's response at the LAC?

MJ: Military sources have actually been more forthcoming than the government. The government has been fudging the issue right from the point when the Prime Minister said no one has entered [Indian territory], and no post is lost. The fact is that the entire Depsang bulge has been blockaded by the Chinese, and remains blockaded. And there seem to be other areas where Chinese soldiers have occupied our patrolling points. Some of the points are, of course, denied to us by mutual agreement, as we have agreed to create these buffer zones along parts of the LAC. And I think all this must be acknowledged.

Army vehicles moving towards the LAC in Leh in September 2020. PTI

SD: One must distinguish between the government's response and the military's response. The government could have done better in terms of the information provided by official sources. There is a value we place on confidentiality of operational matters, and obviously those details can't be shared. But some more information could have been provided on the patrol points and buffer zones that have been created. The buffer zones have been created by mutual agreement. And the purpose of these zones is to avoid any confrontation and escalation. I would also like to say that apart from the incidents at Galwan and Kailash ranges, we have not seen any action between the two armies for over half a century. This means that our responses, military-level talks, and WMCC (Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination on India-China Border Affairs) talks have helped to ensure that the situation does not escalate whenever the patrols come face to face. That is saying a lot, considering that both India and China are nuclear countries.

So, do you think the government should review its communication strategy? Should it consider, for example, publishing a white paper on China's actions at the LAC and the Indian response thus far?

SD: If there is lack of information in today's era of information wars, somebody will fill up that space. Either that space will be filled up by the other side [China] or by the disruptors in India – armchair strategists who have less knowledge of the ground position. I think we should have put out a little more information from official sources without disclosing any details of an operational nature.

Look, we don't have a national security strategy or a national defence strategy guidance document in our country. Compared to the Line of Control (LoC), the LAC has multiple agencies and forces working without unity of command. The responsibility for border security is with the ITBP, which is under the Home Ministry. In recent years, the Army also patrols; it is under the Ministry of Defence. There are special

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> **LT-GEN SATISH DUA**

frontier force units deployed at the LAC, which are under the Cabinet Secretariat. The WMCC is driven by the Ministry of External Affairs. There is a high-level military dialogue as well. And there is a China Study Group which takes some tactical-level decisions such as patrol points.

Contrast this to the LoC, where we have the Border Security Force deployed, but under the operational control of the Army. That system has been working fine for decades. So, whether you call it a policy directive or a white paper, we need to have better clarity on the operational and administrative aspects of the LAC.

MJ: More than a white paper, the government needs to re-strategise its border policy. After the Galwan incident, the government has authorised soldiers, at least those operating in Ladakh, to use guns to defend themselves. But we don't know what the instructions are in the east (Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim), because in the December 9, 2022 Yangtse incident, the Chinese tried to overwhelm our posts by physical force, not with guns. So, I think we need to re-strategise the way we handle the LAC. Maybe we need to create a 5-km buffer zone on either side of the LAC, so that Indian and Chinese soldiers never meet physically. In a white paper, the government would have to reveal a lot of things that it doesn't want to reveal. And I think sometimes the government has to be given some latitude to formulate policy in a confidential manner when it comes to national security.

Should the government consider publishing a paper on the ground position or a map delineating India's claims, even if China refuses to?

MJ: The Chinese agreed to clarify the points of differences on the LAC in 1993, but subsequently they have stopped. They use the imprecise LAC to keep us off balance. The root of the problem is Chinese intentions with regard to the LAC. In 2014 and 2015, Prime Minister Narendra Modi tried to call openly for a clarification of the LAC. So, I agree that we should simply go ahead and publish a map detailing our notion of the LAC and tell the Chinese, this is it.

SD: Yes, we should have a precise LAC. The Chinese had, in a couple of meetings earlier, agreed that we will exchange maps on the 22 identified flashpoints between us and them at the LAC, but they balk at actually exchanging maps – although they did once in the central sector give some maps. To that end, it is a good idea for us to publicly put out our version as a map. But we must continue this process of dialogue, because then we are able to sort out technical problems at the ground level. In fact, if anything, we must raise the level of talks, including to the summit level. We must keep exploring those opportunities rather than always thinking of confrontation.

MJ: What we lost in 2020 was trust [in China]. We had built up that trust since 1993 all the way to 2020. There were even the two summits in Wuhan and Mamallapuram. Everything was going well. The issue is, metaphorically speaking, how can you put the toothpaste [trust] back into the tube [relationship]? You know, despite the 2020 events, Indian and Chinese officials communicated 1,500 times with military officials through various hotlines and meetings. So, there is a process. War would be a catastrophe between two nuclear-armed powers. I think we need to do some blunt talking with China. Prime Minister Modi could tell President Xi [Jinping] that trust has collapsed after 2020, and it is for China to restore it. And let us both together now try to work out some new processes and procedures to maintain peace and tranquility.

Are there lessons for the government from previous stand-offs such as the 1986 Sumdorong Chu stand-off or the 2013 Depsang stand-off on how to manage its public communications?

SD: Sumdorong Chu taught us that patience is the name of the game, as it took seven-eight years to sort out. But times have changed. In this information age, more information is required. We will have to leave the question of how much to share to the government and the military. But yes, if the government puts out information from its perspective, it restricts speculation.

MJ: If the government had disclosed more, the revelations in the police report would not have been such a shock. Most Indians don't know that access to the huge area in Depsang bulge, about 900 sq km, is being denied to us. The government should always err on the side of more information than less. In any case, since 2020, many foreign agencies and trackers have put out satellite information of what has happened. Satellite imagery has given us more information on Yangtse. So, I don't understand why the government should hide information that is already widely available

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NOTEBOOK

ChatGPT and the future of journalism

The AI-based chatbot can simplify news, but there is nothing to match eyes and ears on the ground

P.J. George

In the initial days of the ChatGPT excitement, I conducted an experiment with the Artificial Intelligence-based chatbot. I used it in a race against another writer, who was using the traditional research route, to produce an article on the Iranian morality police. Even with fact checks and touch-ups to the language, I won hands down.

So, what does this mean for the profession of journalism?

I posed this question to the purported villain of the piece itself. I asked ChatGPT, "How will ChatGPT impact journalism?" The AI politely suggested that it could be used to generate "simple news articles," thus "freeing up journalists to focus on more in-depth and investigative reporting." It even gave a caveat that it was not to be trusted as it can give "biased or inaccurate information." It ended on a rather philosophical note: "Ultimately, the impact of language models on journalism will depend on how they are used and integrated into the news production process." If it has more nefarious plans, it is definitely good at hiding them.

The AI is by and large correct in its assessment of its own impact on journalism. At least for the near future, AI will be a tool in the hands of a journalist rather than the journalist itself. If any journalist is worried that AI may take their job, the chances are higher that the job will be taken by a journalist who knows how to use AI.

There are, of course, areas within journalism that are ripe for disruption with AI-based systems. Any reporting based on structured data such as corporate earnings reports, sports score cards, and press releases may be out of human hands soon. In fact, it already is in some newsrooms. AI may also take over the writing of context-building articles and proof-reading. However, there is much to journalism that an AI application will find hard to replicate now, such as finding the location of a secret corporate board meeting in New York City based on who had hired the most limousines for the day. This took some non-artificial thinking on the part of the business journalist who pulled it off. There is nothing to match eyes and ears on the ground, at least for now.

Not new to the industry

While journalists may just be getting introduced to the possibilities of AI, the news industry itself has been dabbling in it for some time now. When you visit any major website, chances are that at least some of the articles you see have been specifically selected for you. These websites often track your reading habits and then apply machine learning to figure out which articles to show you so that you stay on at the site. For all our grouses with the social media companies, news media did learn a trick or two from them.

At *The Hindu*, we are trying out AI tools, particularly in Natural Language Processing, to create versions of our articles for various modes and durations of consumption. This involves training the machine to simplify an article without the crux of it being lost. In this context, it was self-affirming to see the vendor of an AI service confidently feeding in our editorial for the day and the machine failing to provide a coherent output. We now had virtual evidence for what we and millions of India's civil service aspirants have always believed - there is no better way of stating the fact of the matter than *The Hindu*'s editorial.

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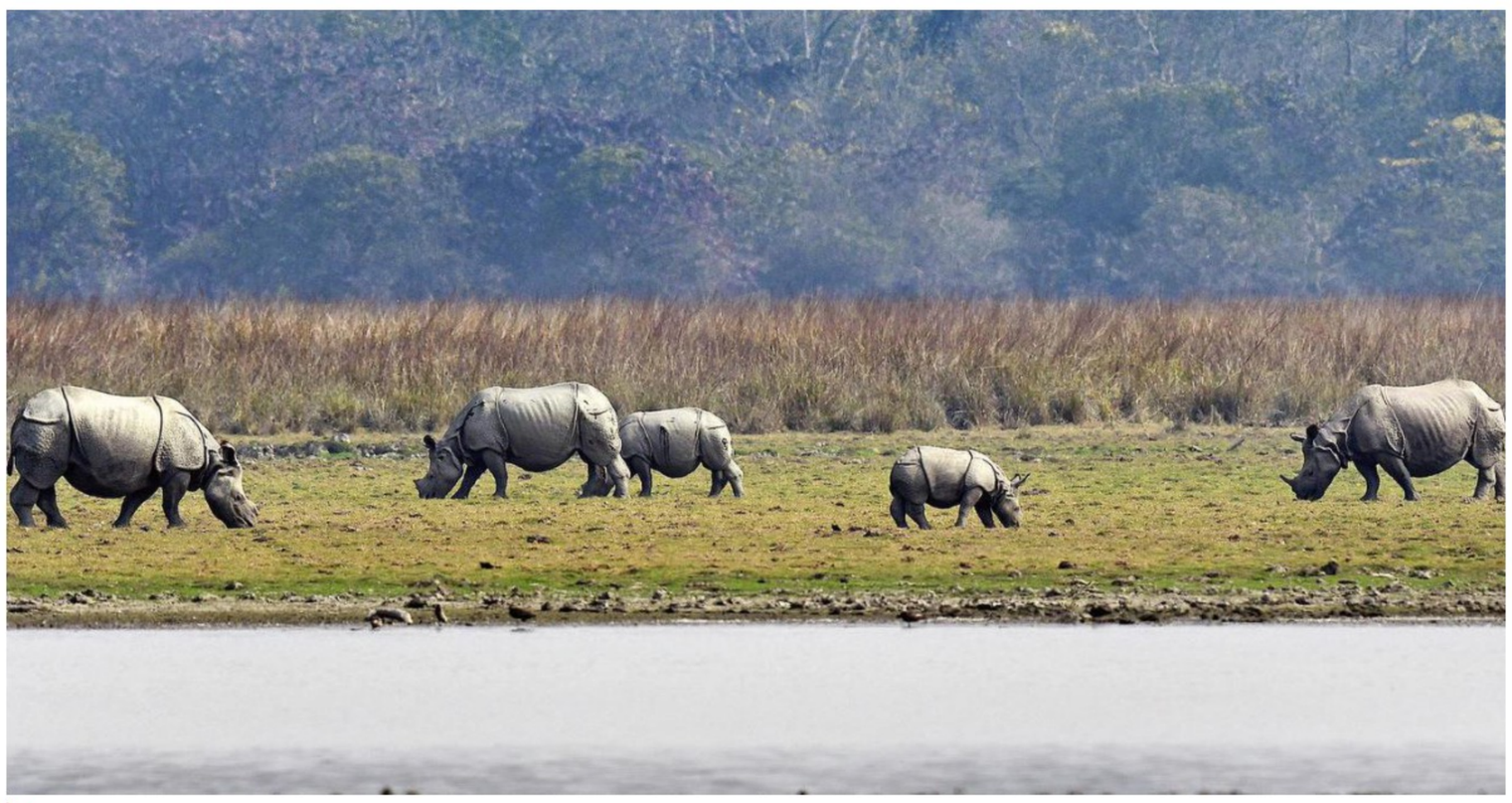
PHOTO OF THE WEEK

Horn of plenty, but for how long?



One-horned rhinos graze at the Pobitora wildlife sanctuary in Assam. Pobitora has the world's highest concentration of Indian one-horned rhinos: 107 in just 38.81 sq km. Rhinos are finding it difficult to find fresh grasslands as there has been no rainfall in the State for the last five months. Water bodies, too, have dried up. RITU RAJ KONWAR

FROM THE ARCHIVES
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FIFTY YEARS AGO FEBRUARY 3, 1973

Nixon extends olive branch to Congress

Washington, Feb. 2: President Nixon to-day extended an olive branch to the Democratic-controlled Congress where many law-makers have complained bitterly about cuts he has recommended in various social programmes in his budget. "I pledge to do my part to achieve a constructive working relationship with Congress," Mr. Nixon said. "My sincere hope is that the executive and legislative branches can work together in this undertaking in a positive spirit of mutual respect and co-operation." Mr. Nixon, in the first instalment of a series of messages to Congress he is substituting for the traditional State of the Union, touched only briefly on foreign policy. Mr. Nixon said it was necessary for world peace that America's "word is believed and strength is respected. The peace with honour we have achieved in Vietnam has strengthened this basic American credibility. We must act in such a way in coming years that this credibility will remain intact, and with it, the world stability of which it is so indispensable a part," he said.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO FEBRUARY 3, 1923

League of Nations

Paris, Feb. 1: The successful progress of the reconstruction of Austria under the auspices of the League of Nations was emphasised by all speakers at today's meeting of the Council of the League. Earl Balfour described the League's work in that connection as the greatest constructive effort hitherto made to extricate Europe from economic chaos and appealed to investors to subscribe to the Austrian loan.

From Page One

Adani crash stalls Parliament sessions

The Bharat Rashtra Samithi, which skipped the meeting, ensured that it was represented at a joint Opposition press conference later in the day. The Trinamool Congress and the Aam Aadmi Party also attended the meeting. On Monday, Opposition parties will hold a sit-in protest at the Gandhi statue within the Parliament premises.

The Rajya Sabha functioned for a total of eight minutes while the Lok Sabha functioned for 13 minutes on Thursday. Sources indicated that the Friday session is also expected to be a washout with the Opposition continuing with its demand. In the Upper House, loud protests from the Opposition benches forced Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar to adjourn the house till 2 p.m. Soon after the session reconvened, Opposition members started shouting slogans demanding a debate. This time, the House was adjourned for the day within two minutes.

The Lok Sabha also saw similar scenes. Opposition MPs rushed to the well of the House and started raising slogans on the Adani stock market crash. The protests continued in the post-lunch session, forcing adjournment for the entire day.

Adani Group's stocks continue to plunge

At close of trade on Thursday, the Adani Group firms' market valuation losses had exceeded $100 billion since January 24 when the Hindenburg Research report was published. On Thursday before the opening of the market, in a video statement, Mr Adani sought to calm investors, contending that the FPO was withdrawn to insulate investors from potential loss. "This decision [to withdraw the FPO] will not have any impact on our existing operations and future plans...The fundamentals of our company are strong," he added.

Top sources in the group told *The Hindu* that the group entities have solid cash-generating assets such as ports, power plants, cement factories and airports and their combined value far exceeds the total debt of the group. "We have never defaulted in any repayment," a top source said.

On Thursday, Citigroup's wealth arm followed Credit Suisse in stopping margin loans to its clients against securities of the Adani Group firms. The shares of state-run SBI and LIC were also hammered after media reports about their exposure in the various companies belonging to the Adani conglomerate.

(With Reuters inputs)

'Adani crisis will 'play out' in the market'

At the last meeting of the Financial Stability and Development Council in September, where the Finance Ministry interacted with sectoral regulators, Mr. Seth said discussions did occur on whether regulators were "doing enough about systematically important institutions, are we nimble enough or do we have to look at any of our regulations afresh". "But that's a continuous process," he noted. Giving an example, Mr. Seth said that a clutch of brokers using investors' money "left and right" without impunity, would be considered a systemic issue. "It doesn't get into a particular broker or company... The regulator does not get into that because it is not important from the overall systemic point of view," he explained.

'Expect States to tap loan window quicker'

Yet, Ms. Sitharaman stressed that the States' use of these funds was "not all that disheartening as you would have inferred from the Survey".

"It was delayed in its launch a bit because States had to come up with proposals and then set it rolling... This year, it has been increased for two reasons. One we felt there was a good appetite for more funds and continuation of the scheme. That's not possible if they [States] didn't absorb it last year," she said. Moreover, she pointed out that a "good chunk" of the ₹1.3 lakh crore loans on offer can be used by States on projects they prefer, while a portion of it will be conditional and linked to projects that encourage municipal bond issuances and building of Unity Malls. "This year, we have been talking through officials with the Chief Secretaries of State governments to see that this moves fast and early," she said.

No bar on contesting two seats in one poll

In 2018, the government had objected to the petition in court. It had argued that law cannot curtail the right of a candidate to contest elections and curtail the polity's choice of candidates.

The government had further told the Supreme Court that one-candidate-one-constituency restriction would require a legislative amendment. and that the restriction to two constituencies was reasonable enough, and there was no need to change the law now.

No surprises in BJP list of candidates for Nagaland, Meghalaya Assembly polls

Party will contest 60 seats in Meghalaya and 20 in Nagaland, where ally NDPP will fight in 40 seats; Meghalaya list includes Martin M. Danggo, who was the NPP candidate till a month ago

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GUWAHATI

The BJP on Thursday announced the names of its candidates for the Assembly elections in Meghalaya and Nagaland with hardly any surprises, despite some last-minute additions from other political parties. Both States go to the polls on February 27.

The party is contesting all 60 seats in Meghalaya. In Nagaland, according to a seat-sharing agreement, the BJP is contesting 20 seats and its ally, the Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party (NDPP), 40.

Meghalaya has had a history of political parties – national or regional – not reaching an alliance ahead of the election, but opting for a post-election tie-up, if the situation demands.

Turncoats on the list

The Meghalaya list has the name of Martin M. Danggo as the BJP candidate from the Ranikor constituency. It was less than a month ago that the National People's Party (NPP) had nominated him from the same seat.

A former Assembly Speaker, he won the 2018 election on Congress ticket but had switched over to the NPP.

Among the other turncoats on the list are Ferlin C.A. Sangma (Selsella seat) and Himalaya M. Shangpliang (Mawsynram), who crossed over from the NPP and the Trinamool Congress, respectively. Apart from retaining Alexander L. Hek (Pynthorumkhrah), Sanbor Shullai (South Shillong) and a few other MLAs, the BJP has fielded former extremist and its State vice-president, Bernard N. Marak, from the South Tura constituency opposite the NPP's national president and Chief Minister, Conrad K. Sangma.

Accused of running a sex racket, Mr. Marak was released on bail in 2022. "Our chances are bright in more than 30 seats but we have a realistic target of reaching the double-digit mark," BJP State president Ernest Mawrie said. The BJP won two seats in 2018.

Most retained

In Nagaland, the BJP retained most of its MLAs and accommodated former Minister Imkong L. Imchen, who quit as an MLA of the Naga People's Front (NPF) and joined the saffron party in January.

The NPF was an ally of the BJP until the latter stitched a pre-poll partnership with the NDPP ahead of the 2018 polls. The NDPP-BJP alliance pipped the NPF, which emerged as the single-largest party, to rule Nagaland. The NPF suffered a setback in 2022 when 21 of its 25 MLAs, including former Chief Minister T.R. Zeliang, joined the NDPP.

"We are in a position to win more than 12 seats this time, especially with our party's push for women's empowerment," Nagaland BJP president Temjen Imna Along said.

People's verdict: Both States will go to the polls on February 27.

NDPP drops 15 MLAs

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

Fifteen MLAs have missed out from the list of 40 candidates announced on Thursday by the NDPP for the election in Nagaland.

Some of those fielded, including former Chief Minister T.R. Zeliang, had switched over from the Naga People's Front. Apart from Mr. Zeliang, who is contesting from his pet Peren constituency, the key NDPP candidates are Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio (Northern Angami-II seat), G. Kaito Aye (Sataka) and Neiba Kronu (Pfutsero).

"Of the 15 MLAs not in the list, a majority are those who came from the NPF," an NDPP spokesperson said.

Tripura polls: Left Front, Cong. settle seat-sharing dispute

Rahul Karmakar
AGARTALA

Discussions failed to break the ice between the BJP and the IPFT over Ampinagar seat

The battle lines for the Tripura Assembly election has been drawn with 32 out of a total of 291 candidates withdrawing from the poll fray on Thursday, the last day for exiting the electoral contest.

Those who withdrew included three candidates of the Congress who settled a seat-sharing dispute with the Left Front, headed by the CPI(M). But the differences between the ruling BJP and the ally Indigenous People's Front of Tripura (IPFT) over one seat remained unresolved.

"A total of 310 candidates had filed their nominations but the papers of 19 were rejected," the State's Chief Electoral Officer, Kiran Dinkarrao Gitte, said. A total of 297 candidates, 24 of them women, contested in 2018. The number of women candidates this time is 31.

The Left Front-Congress was saved the blues after three Congress candidates withdrew their nominations. The Left Front-Congress alliance had agreed to split the number of seats 47-13, but eyebrows were raised when the Congress named 17 candidates and filed nominations for three seats – Barjala, Badharghat and Radhakishorepur – beyond the number allotted to it.

"We took necessary action after instructions from our high command," Congress MLA Sudip Roy Barman said.

On the other hand, last-minute discussions failed to break the ice between the BJP and the IPFT over the Ampinagar seat, where the IPFT fielded Sindhu Chandra Jamatia against Patal Kanya Jamatiya of the BJP. Ampinagar is one of the 20 seats reserved for the Scheduled Tribes.

The final picture

According to the final list of candidates, the BJP has 55 candidates and the IPFT six instead of the five it was allotted.

The CPI(M) has 43 candidates with four more shared by other Left Front constituents, while the Congress is contesting 13 seats.

The Tipra Motha, led by Pradyot Bikram Manikya Debbarma, is contesting 42 seats, 22 beyond the areas inhabited by the 19 Scheduled Tribes it primarily caters to. The Trinamool Congress is contesting 28 seats. There is a direct contest between the BJP and the Opposition alliance in three Assembly segments– Barjala in Agartala, Jubarajnagar in north Tripura and Sabroom in south Tripura.

'Govt. can seek rethink on collegium recommendations'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Asserting that the Union government can seek a reconsideration of the names recommended by the Supreme Court Collegium (SCC), Law Minister Kiren Rijiju on Thursday informed the Rajya Sabha that there are 18 such cases.

"Government can seek reconsideration on names recommended by the SCC, and as on 31.01.2023 there are total 18 proposals on which reconsideration of SCC has been sought. SCC decided to reiterate six cases, in seven cases SCC has desired updated inputs from the High Court Collegiums, and five cases have been decided to be remitted by the SCC to the High Courts," Mr. Rijiju said, in a written reply to a question by CPI(M) member John Brittas.

The Law Minister's response comes amid a tussle between the government and the SCC over the delay in the appointment of judges.

'Missing deadlines'

In response to another question, Mr. Rijiju said various High Court Collegiums were in "breach" of the six-month timeline to send advance recommendations to fill upcoming judicial vacancies.

As on January 30, recommendations for 236 vacancies – 191 existing and 45 anticipated during the next six months – were yet to be received from the High Court Collegiums, he said.

He said a total of 142 proposals recommended by the High Court Collegiums were at "various stages of processing".

Of these, four are pending with the SCC, while 138 are under various stages of processing within the government.

According to the existing procedure, the High Court Collegiums send their proposals for the appointment of judges to the Law Ministry's Justice Department, which then attaches Intelligence Bureau reports on the candidates and forwards the proposal to the Supreme Court Collegium to take a call. Against the sanctioned strength of 1,108 judges in various High Courts, as on January 30, 775 judges were working while 333 posts were vacant. Referring to the vacancies in the SC, he said only 27 judges, including the Chief Justice of India, were now working against the sanctioned strength of 34 judges. "The Supreme Court Collegium has recently made seven recommendations to fill up all the vacancies of judges," Mr. Rijiju said.

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> **KIREN RIJIJU**
> Law Minister

Social diversity

Replying to another question to BJP member Sushil Modi, regarding the proportion of judges coming from different social categories, the Law Minister said that as many as 430 High Court judges – out of a total of 554 appointed since 2018 – belong to the general category.

He added that 58 judges were OBCs, 27 were religious minorities, 19 were SCs, while six belonged to the ST community. The general category judges accounted for over 77% of all appointments.

"The government... has been requesting the Chief Justices of High Courts that while sending proposals for appointment of judges, due consideration be given to suitable candidates belonging to SCs, STs, OBCs, minorities and women to ensure social diversity," Mr. Rijiju said.

Azad meets Shah as protests intensify in J&K over eviction of locals from 'State' land

Peerzada Ashiq
SRINAGAR/JAMMU

Amid growing protests over the Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant-Governor administration's ongoing eviction drive of local people from alleged encroached 'State' land, Democratic Azad Party (DAP) chief Ghulam Nabi Azad raised the issue with Union Home Minister Amit Shah and sought his intervention.

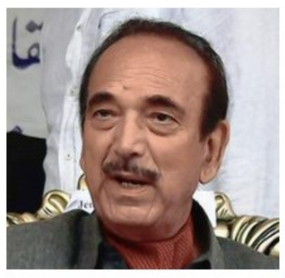
Mr. Azad met Mr. Shah in New Delhi on Wednesday. He apprised Mr. Shah of the uncertainty prevailing among the public at large due to the circular issued by the administration, directing all Deputy Commissioners to remove the encroachments on State land, including Roshni and Kacharai, a DAP spokesman said.

Mr. Azad informed the Home Minister that a majority of occupants, who were holding small lands and had constructed houses over the past few decades, were migrants and mostly victims of militancy.

"The origin of these shelters appears to have taken place first in 1947 and then in the 1962 and 1971 war period, and subsequently during the post-militancy period," Mr. Azad told Mr. Shah. He said that poor people with small holdings of land and houses should be spared from the eviction drive. "The Home Minister has assured Mr. Azad that small land holders will not be harassed," the spokesman said.

The administration has claimed to have retrieved hundreds of acres from alleged encroachers, who included politicians of the National Conference (NC) and the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP). An alleged illegal shopping complex of a Hurriyat leader was demolished on Thursday.

There has been no let-up in protests against the drive. Scores of activists of the Kisan Tehreek held a demonstration in Srinagar against the administration's "forcible land eviction of poor kisans in J&K". Rattan Lal Gupta, provincial president of the NC, said the drive had led to chaotic situations all across the region.



Ghulam Nabi Azad

LeT operative behind three IED blasts in Jammu held

The Hindu Bureau
JAMMU

A local government employee possessing a rare perfume bomb has been arrested in Reasi district of Jammu for his alleged involvement in three improvised explosive device (IED) blasts in the region, the J&K police said on Thursday.

The police identified the accused as Arif Ahmad, "an active militant of the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT)". "He was working at the behest of Qasim, a Reasi resident, and his uncle, Qamardin, also a Reasi resident, presently in Pakistan. Both are associated with the LeT," Director-General of Police Dilbagh Singh said. He said Arif was involved in three blasts – at Shastri Nagar in February 2023, in Katra in May 2022 and in Narwal in January 2023.

No decision to bring in UCC as of now: Rijiju

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

No decision has been taken on implementing a uniform civil code in the country "as of now", Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju told the Rajya Sabha on Thursday.

In a written reply to a question by Mizo National Front member K. Vanlalvena, the Law Minister said the government had requested the 21st Law Commission to undertake examination of various issues relating to uniform civil code and to make recommendations.

However, the term of the 21st Law Commission ended on August 31, 2018 and as per information received from the Law Commission, the Minister noted, the the 22nd Law Commission may take up matter related to uniform civil code.

"Therefore, no decision on implementation of uniform civil code has been taken as of now," the Minister said.

APPEAL

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Cut in MGNREGS outlay is not a concern: Somanathan

There has been an enhancement in rural outlays under other schemes which will generate similar work opportunities, Union Finance Secretary says, stressing that the economy is in a better shape

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

Union Finance Secretary T.V. Somanathan on Thursday defended the reduction in Budget 2023-24 allocation for the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), stressing that the economy was in a better shape and there had been an enhancement in rural outlays under other schemes which would generate similar work opportunities.

The Union Budget presented on Wednesday allocated ₹60,000 crore for the MGNREGS in 2023-24, 18% below the current year's Budget Estimates and almost 33% lower than the Revised Estimates of ₹89,000 crore.

Workers employed under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme in Telangana. FILE PHOTO

Housing scheme

"We have major increases in allocations this year in the PM Awas Yojana (Grameen) which is even larger than the PM Awas Yojana (PMAY) as a whole," Mr. Somanathan explained in an interview with *The Hindu*.

Allocations for the housing scheme are up 66% to ₹79,000 crore, but the Grameen or rural component is up over 100%, the official said.

"There's also a big increase in Jal Jeevan Mission and the area where this is spent is the same area where MGNREGA is in operation. So roughly ₹40,000 crore extra is going through these sources into the rural areas through the Central government's own programmes," he pointed out, noting these spends would "obviously have some effect" on demand for MGNREGS work as they would be for the same type of people with similar type of jobs. "So we will definitely see some reduction in demand in terms of the actual availability of employment in those areas through these two big programmes. Third, the economy is doing much better than in 2020. So the normal economic push will also be in favour of lower MGNREGS demand," he said.

Since the MGNREGS is a demand-driven scheme, the Finance Secretary said that Budget allocations would be revised upwards during the year if there was a higher demand.

"...But we are estimating a reduction in demand. Now people can disagree with that demand... and if it warrants an increase, we will consider it at the revised estimate stage," Mr. Somanathan said.

Taking on criticism about feared reductions in spending on farmers' welfare as "selective" data interpretation, he said agriculture and allied sectors' spends had actually gone up, if the PM Kisan scheme is excluded.

"The PM Kisan allocation is declining from ₹68,000 crore this year to ₹60,000 crore next year. Why? Essentially, the database has been updated after a three-year gap – there were people who were ineligible, there were people who were getting it in two places and there are those who have left or migrated and those who were tax payers but had not disclosed this," he explained.

"We are not denying anybody the benefit, but the eligible number of people has come down by 10% due to the database cleaning," he concluded.

Wait for interest credit for 2021-22 prolongs for lakhs of EPF subscribers

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

Nearly two years after the Budget 2021-22 introduced a tax on annual Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) contributions of over ₹2.5 lakh, implementation challenges continue to affect lakhs of EPF members with interest dues for that year still not credited into their accounts.

The EPF rate for 2021-22 was declared last March at 8.1%, the lowest since 1977-78, and was approved by the Finance Ministry last June. In October, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman attributed the delay in EPF interest credits to a software upgrade and promised that the credits would be visible soon.

Since then, the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has split EPF passbooks for 2021-22 into taxable and non-taxable contributions, but the interest credit is still to be made to many EPF account holders.

"Annual accounts for the year 2021-22 have not been processed yet by the technical team in EPFO HO [Head Office]," Raghuttam Pai, employee at a Mumbai-based fintech firm, was informed by the retirement body's grievance redress team last Friday, in response to his queries about the missing interest.

In October 2022, the Finance Minister attributed the delay to a software upgrade.

"For a brief period, the EPFO's website as well as app was down for some upgrade and I thought after that, the interest will show up," Mr. Pai told *The Hindu*. "It is amazing that we are yet to get last year's interest even as this financial year is coming to an end. Citizens are required to pay penal charges when tax returns or PF contributions are delayed, but nobody is held accountable when the government delays our dues," he rued.

"I understand that the EPF passbooks for 2021-22 are now reflecting taxable and non-taxable contributions of employees in separate columns, so there has been some change to the software. But obviously, the final interest credit for 2021-22 is still facing some challenge causing delays," Saraswathi Kasturirangan, partner at Deloitte India, told *The Hindu*.

No response to queries

Detailed queries on the issue mailed this Monday to Central PF Commissioner Neelam Shami Rao did not elicit a response till the time of going to press.

Members of the Central Board of Trustees (CBT), which oversees the EPFO, are not amused. "The interest was declared several months ago, and we have almost come to the end of the next financial year. I would urge the officials of the EPFO to make sure every single member gets their interest credited immediately, even if it means working overtime," said K.E. Raghunathan, a CBT member. Michael Dias, a Board member, termed the delay "a serious matter" that reflects inefficiency.

Sitharaman to brief BJP MPs on key points of Budget

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will brief BJP MPs on the important points of the Budget on Friday morning, after which the party will undertake an all-India outreach programme.

BJP president J. P. Nadda had earlier set up an eight member committee for a "Budget *par charcha*" programme, to be headed by former Finance Minister of Bihar and Rajya Sabha member Sushil Modi.

The programme will be rolled out over the weekend across India to bring to the fore what the Budget means for citizens. "During this programme, Union Ministers will hold a press conference on the Budget and at the same time interact with people across strata," a source said.

As per the sources, Union Minister Anurag Thakur will go to Jammu, Tourism Minister G. Kishan Reddy to Kochi, Minister Rajeev B. Chandrashekar to Coimbatore, Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal to Raipur, Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat to Bhopal and Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal to Bengaluru.

Are NPS funds safe after Adani crisis, asks Baghel

The Hindu Bureau
RAIPUR

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on Thursday asked the Centre to clarify if pension funds were safe following a rout in the Adani Group shares.

Chhattisgarh recently offered government employees (who joined after 2004) the option to switch to the old pension scheme.

"We were demanding the ₹17,000-crore NPS [New Pension Scheme] money that was not given to us. The government should clarify whether the only financial support that the employees have left for their later years in the form of NPS money will be snatched away," he said.

'Setback to a project not reflection of India's policy for neighbourhood'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A setback to a power or connectivity project with India's neighbours will not deter India from carrying out its "neighbourhood first" strategy, Arindam Bagchi, official spokesperson of the Ministry of External Affairs, said on Thursday.

His remarks came in the wake of reports that the Government of Bangladesh has asked the Adani Group to revise its power purchase agreement to import power from the Adani thermal power plant in Godda, Jharkhand.

"We do think that greater economic integration, connectivity with our neighbours assists our process of development. We have been talking about our neighbours benefiting from the economic growth of India. We have tried to make it easier for connectivity – be it physical, energy or power transmission. This is part of our larger strategy of 'Neighbourhood First'. Under that we would like to see greater economic integration, projects, investments. But if a certain project is not working because of financial reasons, then I don't think that is a reflection of our relationship," Mr. Bagchi said. He emphasised that India would continue to make efforts to strengthen energy and connectivity ties in the South Asian region.

Arindam Bagchi

He was responding to media queries on the Adani Group's declining fortunes' impact on India's economic diplomacy.

Agreement revision

The Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB) sent a letter to the Indian group seeking a "revision to the power purchase agreement".

"We have sent a letter to the Adani Group following a request we received in relation to opening LCs (in India) to import the coal that will be used as fuel for the 1,600-MW plant in Jharkhand," a highly placed source of BPDB told *UNB*, a leading newswire service in Bangladesh. BPDB officials believe that the $400 per tonne (MT) price of coal quoted by Adani Power was much higher than the international price.

"In our view, the coal price they have quoted ($400 a tonne) is excessive – it should be less than $250/MT, which is what we are paying for the imported coal at our other thermal power plants," an official was quoted as saying by the *UNB*.

Calls were made to arrest share market slump: Mamata

The Hindu Bureau
KOLKATA

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Thursday raised the issue of the slump in the Adani Group shares, and alleged that the Union government had made calls to some people to bail out the group.

"The Central government was almost about to collapse yesterday [Wednesday], because there was a slide in the share market. Calls were made to some to bail them out. I do not want to cause more embarrassment by naming them... Is this how a government runs," Ms. Banerjee said at a public meeting in Purba Bardhaman.

Though the Chief Minister targeted the Centre, she did not directly name Gautam Adani, the proprietor of the Adani Group. Last October, the West Bengal government handed over a letter of award for the development of a deep-sea port at Tajpur in the State to Adani Ports.

She alleged that the BJP government at the Centre was using people's money deposited with the Life Insurance Corporation and nationalised banks to benefit its party leaders. "If this government continues, banks will be shut down in the near future. They will remove life insurance. The way in which LIC shares are being misused, it is criminal," Ms. Banerjee said.

She asked why the MGNREGS outlay had been reduced in the Budget. "The Centre has allocated ₹60,000 crore, lower than the budgetary estimate of ₹73,000 crore for 2022-23. This is the lowest ever allocation for the scheme."

Congress to hold protests outside LIC, SBI offices on February 6, seeks probe

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Congress on Thursday announced that it would hold nationwide protests on February 6, demanding an impartial investigation into the allegations made against the Adani Group in the Hindenburg Research report under the watch of either the Chief Justice of India (CJI) or a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC).

In every district, party workers will stage protests outside the offices of the Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) and the State Bank of India (SBI) to highlight how the Narendra Modi government had "forced" these public institutions to invest in the Adani Group.

"Keeping public interest in mind, we want a thorough probe into the Adani issue either by a Joint Parliamentary Committee or a Supreme Court-monitored probe. There should also be day-to-day reporting of the investigation on the issue," Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said.

"The government cannot jeopardise the hard-earned money of the people of India to profit the crony friends of the Prime Minister. The LIC has invested a total of ₹36,474.78 crore in the Adani Group. Whereas Indian Banks together have invested a sum of nearly ₹80,000 crores in the same," Congress general secretary (organisation) K.C. Venugopal said.

"And they continue to do so even when there is allegations of stock manipulation, accounting fraud and other malfeasance. The Group has lost $100 billion since the expose," he said.

Addressing a press conference at party headquarters, Congress spokesperson Pawan Khera said, "We are not against any particular Indian corporate house, we are against crony capitalism. When the rules are changed to benefit selected billionaires, we are against it."

Questioning the government's silence on the issue, senior party leader and Rajya Sabha member Randeep Surjewala asked why the issue did not figure in Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's Budget speech.

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REGISTRAR

INBRIEF

India hands over 100 nautical charts to Kenya after survey

India has handed over to Kenya 100 nautical charts covering the general coastal area around the Lamu Archipelago (near Kenya's northern coast), following a joint survey of the area by the Navies of the two countries. The charts were handed over by the Indian High Commissioner to Kenya, Namgya Khampa, to Aden Duale, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Defence of Kenya, on Wednesday, the Indian High Commission in Kenya said in a statement on Thursday. "The survey was carried out under the aegis of the National Hydrography Office that functions under the Indian Navy at a total cost of about $1.8 million," the statement said.

Delhi excise policy case: court takes note of ED chargesheet

A special court on Thursday took cognisance of the second chargesheet filed by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) against the 17 accused in the money-laundering case related to the alleged irregularities in the implementation of the now-scrapped Delhi Excise Policy, 2021-22. The agency has alleged that a part of the "kickback" was used for the Aam Aadmi Party's poll campaign ahead of the Goa Assembly election in 2022. Cash payments amounting to ₹70 lakh were made to volunteers who were part of survey teams, the chargesheet said. The fund transfers were managed via "hawala" channels, it added. The next hearing will be on February 23.

Senior IAS officer in Bihar seen hurling abuses in video

In a video that has gone viral on social media, a senior Indian Administrative Officer (IAS) is seen hurling abuses at Bihar Administrative Service officials. Additional Chief Secretary of Bihar's Prohibition, Excise and Registration Department K.K. Pathak is seen in the video holding a virtual meeting with officials and hurling abuses at them. The Bihar Administrative Service Association (BASA) has demanded action against the officer. When contacted, Mr. Pathak said, "I had taken some action against members of BASA for their misconduct on some issues... When action was taken, they released this video." When asked about the abusive language, Mr. Pathak said, "I had lost my temper because of their misconduct."

Uttarakhand told to study Mussoorie's carrying capacity

Taking *suo motu* cognisance of a newspaper report that has warned of a Joshimath-like situation in Mussoorie town, the National Green Tribunal (NGT) has issued directions to the Uttarakhand government to conduct a study of the specific carrying capacity of the hill station. The green court has also formed a nine-member committee to suggest remedial measures for preventing environmental damage to the town. The court has directed the committee to complete its study within two months and furnish a report by April 30. The matter has been posted for further proceedings on May 16.

CITES database reveals red sanders smuggling

There is a clear discrepancy in the reporting of the trade in the endangered species by the exporting and importing countries, says wildlife trade monitoring organisation TRAFFIC

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

At risk: Red sanders is under severe threat from illegal logging and harvesting. FILE PHOTO

The CITES trade database has recorded 28 incidents of red sanders confiscation, seizure and specimens from the wild being exported from India, a fact sheet prepared by TRAFFIC, a global wildlife trade monitoring organisation has revealed. CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora) is an international agreement between governments, whose aim is to ensure that international trade in wild animals and plants does not threaten the survival of the species.

"These consignments were exported to China (53.5%), Hong Kong (25.0%), Singapore (17.8%) and the United States of America (3.5%) from 2016 to 2020," the fact sheet said. Red Sanders (*Pterocarpus santalinus*), or red sandalwood, is an endemic tree species with distribution restricted to the Eastern Ghats of India. The species found in Andhra Pradesh and growing up to a height of 10 to 15 metres is reported to be one of India's most exploited tree species, and is under severe pressure from illegal logging and harvesting. Under the foreign trade policy of India, the import of Red Sanders is prohibited, while export is restricted.

"India reported an export of more than 19,049 tonnes of logs. In comparison, the importing countries reported about 4,610 tonnes of logs, 127 tonnes of sawn wood, 20 tonnes of transformed wood and 980 kg of wood products, clearly indicating a discrepancy in reporting of red sanders trade," the fact sheet said.

China remains the largest importer with more than 13,618 tonnes of the products, followed by Hong Kong (5,215 tonnes) and Singapore (216 tonnes).

"Red sanders is under severe pressure from illegal logging and harvesting. Its heartwood is in demand in both domestic and international markets and is used to make furniture and handicrafts, while the red dye obtained from the wood is used as a colouring agent in textiles and medicines. Rampant illegal logging has been reported across its range State," Merwyn Fernandes, coordinator of TRAFFIC's India office, said.

Listed under Schedule IV of the Wildlife Protection Act and categorised as endangered as per the IUCN Red List, red sanders is a very slow-growing tree species that attains maturity in natural forests after 25-40 years.

"Enforcement agencies such as the Forest Department, Customs, Railways, Police, DRI (Directorate of Revenue Intelligence), and Coast Guard must coordinate efforts to curb Red Sanders trafficking by sharing information on hotspots and transit routes and real-time intelligence," TRAFFIC has said. It has also called for forests within the species' geographical range to be declared as "high conservation areas".

Judges, lawyers unite to ensure welfare of pregnant student

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court and two of the country's top law officers joined forces to provide a safe environment for a 20-year-old student to be delivered of her baby and ensure that the child, as per her wishes, will be given in adoption to a deserving home.

The story, which provides a counter-narrative to the usual tales of sluggishness in justice delivery, red tapism within government machinery and acrimony between the judiciary and the government, began on January 18.

On that day, the young woman made an urgent appeal to the court for medical termination of her almost 29-week-old pregnancy. A Bench led by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud listed the case for the very next day.

On January 19, the Bench led by Chief Justice Chandrachud asked for Additional Solicitor-General Aishwarya Bhati's assistance.

The court requested the Director of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) to constitute a medical team within 24 hours to examine her and see if an abortion would be medically safe.

At the next date of hearing on January 23, the court asked Ms. Bhati to reach out to the young woman, who was in apparent distress.

On Thursday, the Bench led by Chief Justice Chandrachud was told that the young woman wanted to go ahead with the delivery but did not want to raise the child as she was not in a position to do so.

Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta submitted that the government was able to zero in on a couple who were ready and willing to adopt the child. They were registered with the Ministry of Women and Child Development's Child Adoption Resource Authority (CARA).

Later, the court exercised its extraordinary powers under Article 142 of the Constitution to order that the delivery would take place in AIIMS free of cost. It also permitted the adoption of the child.

Relief at last: Siddique Kappan with his wife and son outside the district jail in Lucknow, after being released on bail. SANDEEP SAXENA

UAPA is a political tool, says Kappan

Mayank Kumar
LUCKNOW

Roughly 28 months after being arrested on charges under the stringent Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) and Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), Kerala journalist Siddique Kappan walked out of the Lucknow district jail on Thursday morning. After being released on bail, Mr. Kappan expressed his full faith in the judicial process and pleaded innocence while terming the UAPA a political tool.

"I have full faith in the judicial process, the truth will come out," he said.

Mr. Kappan, 43, was arrested by the Uttar Pradesh Police while he was travelling to Hathras, where a Dalit woman died after allegedly being raped.

Mr. Kappan said he had gone to Hathras while performing his journalistic duties. "I have been a journalist for the past 11 years in New Delhi. I had gone to do reporting in Hathras, which was my duty," he said. "These are dark times not only for the press freedom but also for Indian democracy."

Centre's policy is sowing seeds of militancy in Ladakh, says Wangchuk

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

As demand for protection of land, culture and jobs under the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution gathers steam in Ladakh, Sonam Wangchuk, an education reformer and one of the most popular voices from the region, said on Thursday that the Centre's policy was alienating the youth by sowing seeds of militancy.

"The fear is not that people will turn against India, the fear is that love for India will subside and it is dangerous for a country that is facing the Chinese. Unlike people in Mumbai and Delhi, people here have helped the Army during war by acting as porters and supplying food," Mr. Wangchuk said in an interview to *The Hindu*.

He said unemployment and indiscriminate police action against civilians for uttering the phrase "Sixth Schedule" in public had contributed to this feeling and FIRs were being filed

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> Education reformer

"left, right and centre". The Sixth Schedule under Article 244 of the Constitution protects tribal populations, providing autonomy to the communities through creation of autonomous development councils which can frame laws on land, public health, agriculture.

"When I wanted to fast at Khardung La, I was put under house arrest. Four days ago, the Lieutenant-Governor [L-G] of Ladakh had come for a prize distribution ceremony in a stadium in Leh. On seeing him, children started shouting 'Sixth Schedule'. They were taken to the police station. Has it become a crime to say Sixth Schedule in public now?" he said, adding that 12,000 jobs were promised but the recruitment process had been completed only for 800 positions.

Demand for statehood

Mr. Wangchuk, an engineer who is also a climate activist, concluded a five-day fast on February 1 to demand statehood for Ladakh and inclusion under the Sixth Schedule. Around 2,000 people in Leh attended the rally to conclude his agitation.

On August 5, 2019, the special status of the former State of Jammu and Kashmir under Article 370 of the Constitution was revoked by Parliament and the State was bifurcated into two Union Territories – Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh, the latter without a Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Wangchuk said they were better off with the special provisions under Article 370 which ensured that big industries would not be able to exploit their resources.

"Earlier we had four MLAs in the State Assembly [of Jammu and Kashmir], now we have zero representation. The L-G, who is an outsider, is sent to govern us. One man decides everything. 90% of the ₹6,000 crore allocated to Ladakh is at the dispensation of a non-elected person. He may take any decision under pressure or financial gain. By the time he understands the issues, it will be time for him to leave. We demand full statehood so that our voices are heard," Mr. Wangchuk, who inspired the Hindi movie *3 Idiots*, said.

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(set by Arden)

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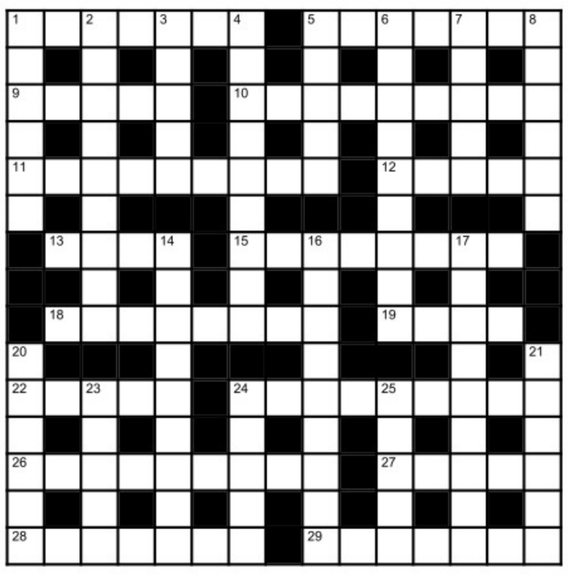

Across

1 Cares about getting in from the back - it'll kill you (7)
5 American city buzz on a highwayman (7)
9 Greek character once, occasionally picked a flower (5)
10 Church worker cries, lacking energy to stop the devil (9)
11 It's hilarious till the loony bin (5,4)
12 Key bills going back and forth in capital (5)
13 Language restriction's back (4)
15 Encroach with crude refining (8)
18 Open standard rail (8)
19 About to sell a game (4)
22 Sailor protects another to retrieve capital (5)
24 Criminal named him - love to go in for a personal attack (2,7)
26 Cheat on drink, recalled from birth (9)
27 Cup recovered from a familiar game (5)
28 Track partners in "Godfather" (7)
29 Right of the government over unclaimed property, as the case may be (7)

Down

1 A tendency to follow at sea (6)
2 Upset about old boy getting on with a winger (9)
3 Rising river inundates New York in Queer Street (5)
4 Mostly irregular rain damages tree (9)
5 Stand-in at the border, tank is exposed (5)
6 Becoming less rigid, finally coiling around tail end (9)
7 Pick, pick the middle of the eye (5)
8 Close, getting almost close to 9 (6)
14 Drug - number is around a fifty (9)
16 No way can fetch a cocktail... (3,6)
17 ...ginger grated at the top of a fish goes with beer (9)
20 Blast occurs at the plant (6)
21 One's stubborn by nature, time to use charm (6)
23 Wandering Bohemian, take him away to party (5)
24 Innate expertise to find a flower (5)
25 Following wise men caught in their spell (5)

SUDOKU

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Solution to previous puzzle

Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Unique quality of Rama

In his Atimanusha Stava, Kooratazhvan describes several of the Lord's auspicious qualities evident in His vibhava avataras. But there was one quality which He showed during the Rama avatara, which was so unique and rare, that Kooratazhvan did not know under which category it had to be placed. This was a quality Rama displayed on the battlefield, said Elayavilli Sriram, in a discourse. Rama's arrows had destroyed Ravana's chariot, his horses and his weapons, and the demon stood before Rama unarmed, and devoid of any protection. All that Rama needed to do was to use one arrow, the final arrow to end Ravana's life. But Rama, surprisingly, did not do this. He told Ravana to leave the battlefield and return the next day. Such was His daya. If there was even a slight possibility that Ravana might reform overnight, Rama was going to give him that opportunity. Who, but Rama, would treat an enemy with such kindness? No wonder Kooratazhvan is at a loss about how to classify this quality.

Kooratazhvan also describes the Lord's beauty during His avataras. He devotes many verses to describe Lord Krishna's beauty. Krishna's deeds matched His good looks in their uniqueness. Kooratazhvan wonders how Krishna as an infant managed to destroy all those sent to kill Him. He sucked the life out of Putana. How could a baby do something like this? With one kick He killed Cakatasura. Dragging a mortar, He pulled down two trees. He lifted a hill to shield the Gopas and Gopikas from torrential rains. He danced joyously with the Gopikas. His flute playing charmed everyone. At the end of the work Kooratazhvan says he has many demerits, and surrenders to the Lord.

PARIS

Jailed Iran filmmaker Jafar Panahi on hunger strike against detention

AP

Iranian filmmaker Jafar Panahi, who has been jailed for the past six months, said he has begun a hunger strike to protest his continued detention, according to a statement on Thursday. Mr. Panahi, 62, had been due to serve a six-year sentence handed down in 2010 after his conviction for "propaganda against the system". AFP

OUAGADOUGOU

Burkina Faso seeks 'federation' with Mali for joint economic clout

REUTERS

Burkina Faso's Prime Minister Apollinaire Kyelem de Tambela, in a visit to neighbouring Mali this week, has suggested the two countries form a "federation" to boost their economic clout, his office said. Both nations are battling jihadist insurgencies and are run by juntas who have turned away from France. AFP

CANBERRA

Australia is removing British monarchy from its bank notes

AFP

Australia is removing the British monarchy from its bank notes. The nation's central bank said on Thursday its new $5 bill would feature an Indigenous design rather than an image of King Charles III. But the King is still expected to appear on coins that currently bear the image of the late Queen Elizabeth II. AP

LONDON

Jo Johnson, brother of Boris, quits as director of Adani linked firm

AFP

Jo Johnson, younger brother of former British Prime Minister Boris Johnson, has resigned his non-executive directorship of a U.K.-based investment firm linked with the now-withdrawn Adani Enterprises follow-on public offer (FPO). Mr. Johnson said that he had stepped down due to his own lack of "domain expertise". PTI

U.S. military to get greater access to Philippines bases

The four new locations bring the total number of sites accessible to U.S. forces in the Southeast Asian country to nine; senior officials in Manila say talks are ongoing for a potential 10th site

Agence France-Presse
MANILA

The United States and the Philippines announced a deal on Thursday to give U.S. troops access to another four bases in the Southeast Asian nation, as the long-time allies seek to counter China's military rise.

The agreement to expand cooperation in "strategic areas of the country" was made during a visit by U.S. Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin.

It comes as the countries seek to repair ties that were fractured in recent years. Previous Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte favoured China over his country's former colonial master, but the new administration of Ferdinand Marcos has been keen to reverse that.

Beijing's growing assertiveness on Taiwan and its building of bases in the disputed South China Sea have given fresh impetus to Washington and Manila to strengthen their partnership.

Standing together: U.S. Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin (left) with his Philippines counterpart, Carlito Galvez, on Thursday. AFP

Key cooperation

Given its proximity to Taiwan and its surrounding waters, cooperation from the Philippines would be key in the event of a conflict with China, which a four-star U.S. Air Force general has warned could happen as early as 2025.

The four new locations bring the total number of sites accessible to U.S. forces to nine, Mr. Austin told reporters on Thursday.

Talks were ongoing for a potential 10th site, a senior Philippine official said.

The U.S. and the Philippines have a decades-old security alliance that includes a mutual defence treaty and the 2014 Enhanced Defence Cooperation Agreement (EDCA), which allows U.S. troops to rotate through five Philippine bases, including those near disputed waters. It also allows the U.S. military to store defence equipment and supplies on those bases.

The EDCA stalled under Mr. Duterte, but Mr. Marcos has sought to accelerate its implementation.

Philippine Defence Secretary Carlito Galvez told reporters the location of the new sites would be made public after local communities and officials had been consulted.

But it has been widely reported that most of the locations are on the main island of Luzon – the closest Philippine landmass to Taiwan – where the U.S. already has access to two bases.

The fourth will reportedly be on the western island of Palawan, facing the Spratly Islands in the hotly contested South China Sea, taking the number of sites there to two.

U.S. opens embassy in Solomon Islands

Associated Press
WELLINGTON

The U.S. opened an embassy in the Solomon Islands on Thursday in its latest move to counter China's push into the Pacific.

The embassy in the capital, Honiara, is starting small, with a chargé d'affaires, a couple of State Department staff and a handful of local employees. The U.S. previously operated an embassy in the Solomon Islands for five years before closing it in 1993.

The opening comes as Fiji's Prime Minister Sitiveni Rabuka appears to be reassessing his nation's engagement with China.

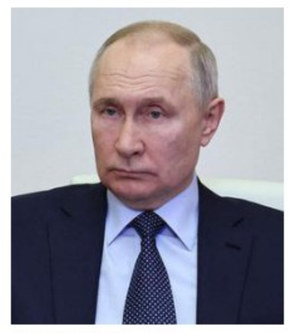
Putin predicts victory over 'new Nazism' in Ukraine

Reuters
VOLGOGRAD

President Vladimir Putin evoked the spirit of the Soviet Army that defeated Nazi German forces at Stalingrad 80 years ago to declare on Thursday that Russia would defeat a Ukraine in the grip of a new incarnation of Nazism.

In a fiery speech in Volgograd, known as Stalingrad until 1961, Mr. Putin lambasted Germany for helping to arm Ukraine and said, not for the first time, that he was ready to draw on Russia's entire arsenal, which includes nuclear weapons.

"Unfortunately we see that the ideology of Nazism in its modern form and manifestation again directly threatens the security of our country," Mr. Putin told an audience of Army officers and members of local patriotic and youth groups.



Vladimir Putin

"Again and again we have to repel the aggression of the collective West. It's incredible but it's a fact: we are again being threatened with German Leopard tanks with crosses on them."

Mr. Putin evoked what he said was the spirit of the defenders of Stalingrad to explain why he thought Russia would prevail in Ukraine, saying the World War Two battle had become a symbol of "the indestructible nature of our people".

"We don't send our tanks to their borders but we have the means to respond, and it won't end with the use of armoured vehicles, everyone must understand that," Mr. Putin said.

Ilhan Omar stripped of Foreign Affairs seat

Associated Press
WASHINGTON

The Republican-led House voted after raucous debate on Thursday to oust Democrat Ilhan Omar from the chamber's Foreign Affairs Committee, citing her anti-Israel comments, in a dramatic escalation after Democrats last session booted far-right GOP lawmakers over incendiary remarks.

House Speaker Kevin McCarthy was able to solidify Republican support against the Somali-born Muslim woman in the new Congress although some GOP lawmakers had expressed reservations.

The 218-211 vote, along party lines, came after a heated, voices-raised debate in which Democrats accused the GOP of targeting Ms. Omar based on her race. Ms. Omar defended herself on the House floor, asking if anyone was surprised she was being targeted. She said, "This is about targeting women of colour."

Ilhan Omar

Pak. mosque bomber was 'in police uniform'

Agence France-Presse
PESHAWAR

The suicide bomber who killed more than 80 police officers at a mosque inside a sensitive compound earlier this week entered wearing a uniform and helmet, a provincial police chief said on Thursday.

Hundreds of police were attending afternoon prayers inside what should have been a tightly controlled police headquarters in the northwest city of Peshawar on Monday when the blast erupted, causing a wall to collapse and crush officers.

The suspect is shown in CCTV images arriving at the gates on a motorcycle before walking through a security checkpoint and asking officers where the mosque was located.

Authorities are investigating how a major breach could happen in one of the most sensitive areas in the city, which houses the intelligence and counter-terrorism bureaus.

It is Pakistan's deadliest assault in several years and the worst since violence began to resurge in the northwest bordering Afghanistan after the Taliban seized power in Kabul in 2021.

The assault has put a scarred city on edge, harking back to when Peshawar was at the centre of rampant violence carried out by the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP).

Hong Kong offers 5 lakh free air tickets after COVID isolation, sheds quarantine

Agence France-Presse
HONG KONG

Hong Kong is ready to welcome the world back, its leader said on Thursday, pledging more than half a million free flights and positive publicity to resurrect the once-vibrant global hub after three years of COVID-enforced isolation.

The government's rebranding campaign, "Hello, Hong Kong", bills itself as an effort to tell "good stories" about the southern Chinese city, where years of political repression, coupled with pandemic curbs, have tarnished its business-friendly reputation.

Promising "no isolation, no quarantine and no restrictions" during a speech to business and tourism heavyweights, Chief Executive John Lee announced 5,00,000 free air tickets for visitors to experience the city's "hustle and bustle".

The giveaway will open in March, and mainly be distributed by Cathay Pacific, HK Express and Hong Kong Airlines

The giveaway will open in March, and mainly be distributed by local airlines Cathay Pacific, HK Express and Hong Kong Airlines.

Another 80,000 tickets will be offered to residents in the summer, with the carriers yet to announce destinations.

Adherence to Beijing's zero-COVID doctrine of quarantine, closed borders and face masks kept Hong Kong largely virus-free until a deadly Omicron outbreak at the start of 2022. But it also contributed to an economic recession and the exodus of more than 2.5% of the population.

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INBRIEF

Ashok Leyland Q3 net jumps to ₹361 crore on robust sales

Commercial vehicle manufacturer Ashok Leyland Ltd.'s standalone net profit for the quarter ended December rose 62 times to ₹361 crore from the year-earlier period due to uptick in sales volume. Revenue from operations grew to ₹9,030 crore from ₹5,535 crore. Cost of materials jumped by 73% to ₹7,203 crore, ALL said. "Q3 saw the confluence of continued uptick in our volumes," said Shenu Agarwal, MD & CEO.

Coromandel International net surges 38% to ₹527 crore

Murugappa Group company Coromandel International reported consolidated net profit increased more than 38%, year-on-year for the December quarter to ₹526.85 crore.

The higher net profit came on a nearly 64% increase in the total income to ₹8,349,18 crore (₹5,099.50 crore). The company has declared an interim dividend of ₹6 per share.

The company said the good growth in revenue and profitability would help its further investments in the agri business.

Apollo Tyres Q3 net more than doubles to ₹138 crore

Apollo Tyres' standalone net profit for the quarter ended December increased more than twofold to ₹138 crore from the year-earlier period on 'strong performance'. Revenue from operations rose to ₹4,247 crore from ₹3,792 crore, the firm said in a filing. "The domestic demand has helped us tide over the recessionary trends elsewhere," said chairman Onkar Kanwar. "Input costs eased to some extent in the past quarter, helping improve margins," he said.

RBI said to seek details of banks' loans to Adani Group

Regulator gets access to details on commercial lenders' loans to large corporate borrowers on a regular basis as part of the central repository of information on large credits database: source

Press Trust of India
MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has sought details from banks regarding their exposure to the Adani Group, banking sources said, a day after the conglomerate withdrew a ₹20,000-crore follow-on public offer of Adani Enterprises.

On Wednesday, Swiss lender Credit Suisse is reported to have stopped accepting bonds by Adani Group companies as collateral for margin lending.

The going has been tough for the diversified conglomerate over the past week ever since U.S.-based short seller Hindenburg Research levelled a slew of allegations about the group's accounting practices. The Ahmedabad-headquartered group has denied all the allegations.

Status check
Adani Group firms have seen a sharp decline in share prices

- On Wednesday, Swiss lender Credit Suisse stopped accepting bonds by Adani Group companies as collaterals for margin lending
- If lending takes place against pledged securities, a significant decline in price of equity shares of the borrower could pare the value of the securities held in pledge
- SBI has said its Adani exposure is secured by cash-generating assets

The RBI gets access to details of loans by banks to large corporate borrowers on a regular basis as part of the central repository of information on large credits (CRILC) database, the banking sources said.

If lending takes place against pledged securities, a significant decline in the price of the equity shares of the borrower could lower the value of the pledged securities.

The country's largest lender SBI has said its exposure to the Adani Group was fully secured by cash-generating assets.

'Central banks need to retain 'higher for longer' tack'

Reuters

Global central banks need to make clear to financial markets the probable need for interest rates to remain higher for longer in order to bring inflation sustainably back down to target and avoid a rebound in price pressures, the International Monetary Fund said on Thursday.

The warning comes amid a significant easing in financial conditions since October as investors look past the steep run up in interest rates by central banks last year to bring down an inflation rate that breached 6% in more than 80% of the world.

"Central banks should communicate the likely need to keep interest rates higher for longer until there is evidence that inflation – including wages and prices of services – has sustainably returned to the target," the head of the IMF's Monetary and Capital Markets Department, Tobias Adrian, and two deputies wrote in a blog post.

"Loosening prematurely could risk a sharp resurgence in inflation once activity rebounds," they said.

On Wednesday, the U.S. Federal Reserve raised its policy rate and Fed Chair Jerome Powell reiterated that the central bank does not plan to cut rates this year as it needs to see goods disinflation followed by marked progress in the services sector.

Investors ignored him and piled further into bets that the Fed will cut rates this year.

NSE adds surveillance process for 3 Adani firms

Reuters
BENGALURU

The National Stock Exchange on Thursday placed Adani Enterprises, Adani Ports and Ambuja Cements under the additional surveillance mechanism that will require 100% margin to trade in their shares.

The move by the stock exchange comes after a rout in the shares of the billionaire Gautam Adani's group companies in the aftermath of a scathing report by a U.S. short seller.

Rejigged credit guarantee plan for MSMEs to take effect April 1

The Hindu Bureau
COIMBATORE

The revamped credit guarantee scheme for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) will take effect from April 1, through infusion of ₹9,000 crore in the corpus, said Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman while presenting the Union Budget 2023.

"This will enable additional collateral-free guaranteed credit of ₹2 lakh crore. Further, the cost of the credit will be reduced by about 1%," she said.

"Further, in cases of failure by MSMEs to execute contracts during the COVID-19 period, 95% of the forfeited amount relating to bid or performance security will be returned to them by government and government undertakings. This will provide relief to MSMEs," the Finance Minister said.

The total allocation for the MSME Ministry will see an almost 42% increase for 2023-24 at ₹22,138 crore compared with ₹15,629 crore this fiscal. Schemes such as Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP) and Scheme for Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI) will see significantly higher allocation in the next fiscal.

The Federation of Indian Micro and Small & Medium Enterprises and the Coimbatore District Small Industries Association said in press statements that to ensure MSMEs received payments on time, the Budget has proposed that deduction for expenditure incurred on payments made to MSMEs will be allowed for buyers only when the payment is actually made.

This means buyers cannot claim deduction without paying the MSMEs.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	THURSDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	59,932	0.38
US Dollar	82.20	-0.48
Gold	58,680	1.32
Brent oil	82.46	–

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	1565.25	-570.10
Adani Ports	462.45	-32.70
Apollo Hosp	4231.50	-31.15
Asian Paints	2705.65	-38.10
Axis Bank	868.45	11.20
Bajaj Auto	3790.70	-20.60
Bajaj Finserv	1271.90	3.60
Bajaj Finance	5717.65	-99.55
Bharti Airtel	777.75	8.65
BPCL	332.20	-2.50
Britannia Ind	4573.05	202.10
Cipla	1025.30	-6.75
Coal India	217.65	-3.00
Divis Lab	3267.00	-89.85
Dr Reddys Lab	4370.10	18.60
Eicher Motors	3217.30	-85.80
Grasim Ind	1598.75	10.95
HCL Tech	1149.60	17.50
HDFC	2613.30	-48.40
HDFC Bank	1603.35	-24.20
HDFC Life	492.70	-23.00
Hero MotoCorp	2660.95	-66.30
Hindalco	465.40	-2.45
Hind Unilever	2634.85	60.60
ICICI Bank	857.90	9.95
IndusInd Bank	1075.90	34.05
Infosys	1583.75	32.65
ITC	378.60	17.20
JSW Steel	727.40	-2.30
Kotak Bank	1761.75	17.05
L&T	2144.90	-0.65
M&M	1352.40	0.35
Maruti Suzuki	8870.15	101.30
NestleIndia	18954.60	-135.25
NTPC	166.90	-3.10
ONGC	143.45	-0.80
PowerGrid Corp	212.70	-3.85
Reliance Ind	2326.95	-12.95
SBI Life	1107.50	-1.90
State Bank	528.10	0.75
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EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on February 02

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	81.97	82.29
Euro	90.12	90.48
British Pound	101.03	101.43
Japanese Yen (100)	63.66	63.91
Chinese Yuan	12.19	12.24
Swiss Franc	90.13	90.49
Singapore Dollar	62.74	62.99
Canadian Dollar	61.69	61.93
Malaysian Ringitt	19.31	19.39
Australian Dollar	58.39	58.62

Source:Indian Bank

'A well-crafted Budget with right mix of capex and fiscal prudence'

COMMENT

Nirmal Jain

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The Finance Minister had her job cut out ahead of the Union Budget. The Indian economy had already emerged as the fastest growing large economy in the world and that momentum was likely to sustain in FY24 also. Budget 2023-24 had to be a growth-oriented Budget for 2 reasons. Firstly, the momentum of growth of the last one year had to be maintained. Secondly, the growth had to be strong enough to neutralise the lag effect of monetary tightening.

The bigger challenge was on fiscal conservatism. India's sovereign ratings are just a notch above speculative grade and that reduces the room for error at a macro level. Hence, the FM had the added challenge of catalysing growth while also containing fiscal deficit. The typical pump-priming approach would not have worked. Within these constraints, Budget 2023-24 was commendable in that it was built around 4 interesting themes.

Capex momentum

The Budget focussed sharply on sustaining the capex momentum. The capital investment allocation for FY24 has been raised by 33% to ₹10 trillion – an impressive 3.3% of GDP. The effective capex of the central government was closer to 4.5% of GDP.

Most of these funds were going into hard infrastructure. Railways has got an allocation of ₹2.4 trillion. Much of that would be on gauge conversion, expanding routes, freight corridors and the like. The Centre also announced continuation of the 50-year, interest-free loans to States with capex allocation condition.

Check on fiscal deficit

This was the second big theme that the Budget focussed on. Fiscal deficit for FY23 will be held at the promised 6.4% of GDP. However, for FY24, the Finance Minister has committed to reduce the fiscal deficit sharply by 50 bps to 5.9%. However, the more important part of the Budget was the seriousness shown by the government on a glide path towards lower fiscal deficit.

In fact, the FM has committed to take the fiscal deficit to well below 4.5% of GDP by FY26. This is likely to be viewed favourably by foreign institutional investors as also by the global rating agencies.

Agri, green energy

The Finance Minister pleasantly surprised the street by setting an agricultural credit target of ₹20 trillion for FY24. That is about ₹1.5 trillion higher than estimated for FY23. The focus will be on creating a theme around millets that can not only increase the nutritional value of the Indian food basket, but also offer an interesting export proposition. The Budget has also focussed on alternative modes of income for farmers including livestock farming, cattle rearing, horticulture, floriculture, fisheries and shrimp farming. Apart from the farm focus, the Budget has also allocated ₹35,000 crore for rapid transition to green energy. The focus will be on inter-State transmission of green energy, evacuating and grid integration with predominant attention to Ladakh.

Sharp cut in subsidies

The last couple of years had seen a sharp spike in the subsidy burden, especially on food, fertilizers and on fuel. This had been necessitated by a spike in the input costs.

However, with the global tapering of commodity prices, Budget 2023-24 has pegged a lower subsidy burden on all these items. For instance, the subsidy burden on food is expected to fall by 31% year-on-year to ₹1.97 trillion.

The subsidy bill for fertilizers is expected to fall 22% to ₹1.75 trillion. Above all, the subsidy on fuel is may slide 75% to ₹2,257 crore. In addition, the Centre will also cut allocation to the MGNREGA scheme to ₹60,000 crore. These will be reallocated to capex spending, even as the free foodgrain scheme for poor families has been extended by one year.

In other macro triggers, the Budget has allocated ₹5.94 trillion to Defence and has also made some big bets on green energy transition, artificial intelligence, machine learning, Internet of Things, skilling platform and the like. The overall impact of these macro measures is likely to be value accretive.

(The writer is Founder, IIFL Group)

Sundram Fasteners Q3 net profit rises 3% to ₹106 cr.

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Sundram Fasteners Ltd.'s (SFL) standalone net profit for the quarter ended December rose 3% to ₹106 crore from the year-earlier period despite a spike in raw material cost.

During the quarter, revenue from operations rose to ₹1,227 crore from ₹1,024 crore. Raw material costs increased to ₹580 crore from ₹454 crore, the company said in a regulatory filing.

Domestic sales rose 23.5% to ₹813 crore and exports 8.5% to ₹365 crore.

"We have progressed well despite the ongoing macroeconomic challenges," said managing director Arathi Krishna.

NMDC raises prices of lump ore, fines

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

India's largest iron ore producer NMDC has increased price of the lump ore by ₹100 a tonne and fines by ₹500 for the same quantity.

Lump ore now costs ₹4,400 per tonne, while the price of fines has been fixed at ₹3,910 per tonne. The prices came into force from January 28, the company said in a filing on Thursday. On Wednesday, NMDC said in a filing that its iron ore production in January was 4.20 million tonnes as against 4.56 MT in the same period previous fiscal.

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TABLE-TOPPER

Raphinha and Lewandowski help Barcelona overcome Real Betis

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The result: Real Betis 1 (Kounde 85-og) lost to Barcelona 2 (Raphinha 65, Lewandowski 80).

PULLING ONE BACK

Malan, Buttler and Archer earn consolation win for England

Jos Buttler, Dawid Malan and Jofra Archer shone for England as it beat South Africa by 59 runs in the third ODI in Kimberley on Wednesday.
The scores: England 346/7 in 50 overs (Buttler 131, Malan 118, Ngidi 4/62) bt South Africa 287 in 43.1 overs (Klaasen 80, Hendricks 52, Archer 6/40, Rashid 3/68).

BACK-UP

Schumacher adds McLaren reserve role to Mercedes back-up

Mick Schumacher, already signed as a reserve driver for Mercedes this season, will also perform a similar role at McLaren, the British Formula One team announced on Wednesday. The 23-year-old German, the son of seven-time Formula One champion Michael, was dropped by Haas at the end of 2022 after only two seasons in F1.

INJURY SCARE

Mbappe hurt ahead of Bayern clash in Champions League

Paris Saint-Germain forward Kylian Mbappe suffered an injury scare ahead of the Champions League clash with Bayern Munich as he hobbled off with a thigh problem against Montpellier on Wednesday. Mbappe was replaced after 20 minutes and was seen clutching his left leg following a collision with Montpellier's Leo Leroy.

'Typhoon' Tryon blows away India in big clash

Her unbeaten 57 off just 32 deliveries takes South Africa past the finish line chasing a modest target of 110; the Indian spinners put up a fight after the batters struggle on a slow pitch

TRI-SERIES FINAL

Press Trust of India
EAST LONDON

A poor batting performance cost Indian team dear as it lost a low-scoring women's tri-series final to hosts South Africa by five wickets here on Thursday.

Chloe Tryon (57 n.o., 32b, 6x4, 2x6) counter-attacked with gusto and took the team home with two overs to spare chasing a target of 110.

The Indian spinners – Deepti Sharma, Rajeshwari Gayakwad and Sneh Rana – tried their best to offset a baffling batting approach by Harleen Deol (46, 56b, 4x4) but couldn't.

South Africa was 66 for five at the start of the 14th over when Tryon took over.

On a pitch where the ball did not come on to the bat, Tryon went after the bowling and ensured that there weren't many dot balls. Her power-hitting was too much for the Indians as she repeatedly targeted the arc between square-leg and mid-wicket.

Earlier, Smriti Mandhana was dismissed for a duck and skipper Harmanpreet Kaur for 21 as the Indians struggled. The other opener, Jemimah Rodrigues (11), and Harleen couldn't get going too and it was left to Deepti Sharma (16 n.o., 14b, 1x4) to take India past the 100-mark.

For South Africa, left-arm spinner Nonkululeko Mlaba (two for 16 in four overs) was brilliant in the PowerPlay while seasoned pacer Shabnim Ismail (none for nine in three overs) put the brakes on the Indian innings.

The scores: India 109/4 in 20 overs (Harleen Deol 46, Nonkululeko Mlaba 2/16) lost to South Africa 113/5 in 18 overs (Chloe Tryon 57 n.o., Sneh Rana 2/21). **Toss:** India.
Player-of-the-Match: Tryon.
Player-of-the-Series: Deepti.

Power-hitting: Tryon smashed six fours and two sixes in her match-swinging knock. FILE PHOTO

Don't try to be a Surya or Tripathi, be yourself: Hardik's advice to Gill

Ashwin Achal
AHMEDABAD

Among the records set by Shubman Gill in the third T20I against New Zealand here on Wednesday, one ascertained his all-round class. With his brilliant unbeaten 126, Gill (23 years, 146 days) became the youngest Indian to score a century in all three formats.

The opener became the fifth Indian to score hundreds in all formats, joining Suresh Raina, Rohit Sharma, K.L. Rahul and Virat Kohli in this elite list. Across nations, only Pakistan's Ahmed Shehzad achieved this feat at a younger age (22 years, 127 days).

One feature of Gill's batting is his elegant strokes, even when he goes for the big hits. His technique is his strength, a point relayed to him by India skipper Hardik Pandya.

In the post-match press conference, Hardik explained that Gill should avoid emulating more adventurous stroke-players like Suryakumar Yadav and Rahul Tripathi.

"Shubman does not need to try anything. Sometimes he can get into a situation where he is not scoring runs, and that is because he is trying too hard. He needs to pick the right balls and hit it where they are supposed to be hit. Don't try to be a Suryakumar Yadav or Rahul Tripathi. Be Shubman Gill. That's the reason he will get success. This is what I've shared with him – 'You are Shubman Gill. I have seen the finest batting done by you. Just back yourself and trust your ability'. Sometimes as cricketers, we try too much and make a mess of it," Hardik said.

Captain's pat: Hardik says Gill will become a great asset to the Indian team. VIJAY SONEJI

Hardik believes that Gill will become a "great asset to the Indian team". "He is technically so sound. It's very easy for him to switch and play T20s, ODIs and Test cricket. He has the game for all formats. Along with Suryakumar, he can hit good balls and make them bad balls. He is a kid who has a good head on his shoulders. Going forward, he will be a great asset to the Indian team," Hardik said.

A 2-1 win over New Zealand in the three-match T20I leg is Hardik's second success as captain, after he led India past Sri Lanka with an identical scoreline last month.

Hardik has taken clear roles with bat and ball. The all-rounder opens the bowling, and bats as a sheet-anchor in the middle-order.

With the bat, he is keen to don the role played by former India captain M.S. Dhoni, who in the later part of his career, shelved the monster sixes for a more clinical approach.

"I have always enjoyed hitting sixes. But that is life, I have to evolve. I believe in partnerships. I want to give my (batting) partner assurance that at least I'm there (at the crease). I have learnt how to accept pressure and make sure that everything is calm. So maybe I have to get my strike-rate down.

Don Dhoni's role

"I don't mind playing the role which Mahi (Dhoni) used to play. At that time, I was young and hitting balls around the park. But since he has gone, that responsibility has naturally come to me," Hardik said.

Gill became the fifth Indian to score hundreds in all formats, joining Raina, Rohit, Rahul and Kohli in the elite list

Pulling his weight

Gill's numbers starting from the series against Bangladesh where he scored his maiden Test century

Gill

	Format	Scores	Opponent	Venue
Dec. 14-18, 2022	Test	20 & 110	Bangladesh	Chattogram
Dec. 22-25, 2022	Test	20 & 7	Bangladesh	Mirpur
Jan. 3, 2023	T20I	7	Sri Lanka	Mumbai
Jan. 5, 2023	T20I	5	Sri Lanka	Pune
Jan. 7, 2023	T20I	46	Sri Lanka	Rajkot
Jan. 10, 2023	ODI	70	Sri Lanka	Guwahati
Jan. 12, 2023	ODI	21	Sri Lanka	Kolkata
Jan. 15, 2023	ODI	116	Sri Lanka	Thiruvananthapuram
Jan. 18, 2023	ODI	208	New Zealand	Hyderabad
Jan. 21, 2023	ODI	40*	New Zealand	Raipur
Jan. 24, 2023	ODI	112	New Zealand	Indore
Jan. 27, 2023	T20I	7	New Zealand	Ranchi
Jan. 29, 2023	T20I	11	New Zealand	Lucknow
Feb. 1, 2023	T20I	126*	New Zealand	Ahmedabad

India-New Zealand T20I series in numbers

Arshdeep

Batting	M	Runs	HS	Avg.	SR	100s/50s
Gill	**3**	**144**	**126***	**72.00**	**184.61**	**1/0**
Mitchell	3	102	59*	51.00	150.00	0/1
Suryakumar	3	97	47	48.50	124.35	0/0
Bowling	**M**	**Overs**	**Wkts.**	**BBI**	**Econ.**	**4W**
Arshdeep	**3**	**9**	**5**	**2/7**	**8.22**	**0**
Hardik	3	11	5	4/16	6.72	1
Bracewell	3	9	4	2/31	5.77	0

Gill

Chennaiyin bounces back, holds Odisha

Shooting home: El Khayati intercepted a cross from Ninthoinganba to make it 2-2. R. RAGU

ISL-9

Neeladri Bhattacharjee
CHENNAI

Two quick equalisers – once in each half – by Chennaiyin FC helped it hold Odisha to a 2-2 draw in an ISL-9 contest here on Thursday.

Chennaiyin began aggressively, forcing Amrinder Singh to thwart two early attempts, including a brilliant reflex save off Vincy Barrett's header in the 19th minute.

Five minutes later, it was Odisha which attacked against the run of play to find the breakthrough. Sahil Panwar won the ball in midfield and passed to Isak Vanlalruatfela, who marched up the pitch and threaded a pass for Diego Mauricio to slot home.

The visitors had hardly finished their celebrations when Chennaiyin struck. Captain Anirudh Thapa, running into the box unmarked, headed Aakash Sangwan's cross into the net.

Josep Gomabu's side almost scored again three minutes later, but the effort was ruled off-side. Odisha's second goal, however, arrived soon. Three minutes after the restart, Nandha set up Isak, who made no mistake.

In the 57th minute, Khumanthem Ninthoinganba made a run along the left and his cross for Petar Sliskovic was received by Abdenasser Al Khayati. The Dutchman's strike hit the inside of the post before rolling in. The draw put Odisha in the top six while Chennaiyin remained eighth after its third consecutive draw at home.

The result:
Chennaiyin FC 2 (Thapa 25, El Khayati 57) drew with Odisha FC 2 (Mauricio 24, Isak 48).

Nominees for the Sportstar of the Year (Female) award

ACES 2023

Sports Bureau

The *Sportstar Aces* Awards seek to honour incredible performances by Indians across sporting disciplines. Among the many Popular Choice honours open to public voting is the coveted Sportstar of the Year (Female) award. The nominees list is packed with achievers from across the spectrum of sport: Harmanpreet Kaur (cricket), Mirabai Chanu (weightlifting), Nikhat Zareen (boxing), Vinesh Phogat (wrestling) and Avani Lekhara (shooting).

What the nominees did in 2022:

Harmanpreet Kaur: Led India to a silver medal at the Commonwealth Games. Captained India to a seventh Asia Cup triumph. Had a good year with the bat (387 runs in 17 T20Is). Her unbeaten 143 is the highest by an Indian skipper in women's ODIs.

Mirabai Chanu: Won gold at the Commonwealth Games, her third Commonwealth medal in a row. Bagged gold at the National Games. Clinched silver at the World Championships.

Nikhat Zareen: Crowned world champion in women's 52kg. Claimed gold at Strandja Memorial. Won gold at the Commonwealth Games. Took the top spot at the National Championships. Conferred with the Arjuna Award.

Vinesh Phogat: Clinched gold at the Commonwealth Games. First Indian woman wrestler to bag the yellow metal at three successive Commonwealth Games. Won bronze at the World Championships, becoming the first Indian woman to win multiple medals at the marquee event.

Avani Lekhara: Won the air rifle gold with a world record score and the 50m rifle 3-position gold at the Para World Cup in Chateauroux, France. Bagged the silver in air rifle in the Para World Cup in Changwon, South Korea.

Aussies look for the Murphy effect

AUS IN INDIA

Ayan Acharya

Todd Murphy, the uncapped off-spinner, has bowled his way into Australia's Test squad as one of four spinners selected for this month's Border-Gavaskar Trophy in India.

Murphy, who has 29 wickets at 25.20 from seven First Class matches, said he was a "bit surprised" to find his name in the team. "I've been lucky enough that I've been able to perform well in a few of the limited First Class games I've played. So, it was nice that what I've been doing got recognised, and the selectors see something in me," Murphy had told *Sportstar* before leaving for India.

The last time Australia played two specialist off-spinners was in 1988, when Tim May and Peter Taylor played two Tests together in Pakistan. But Murphy remains optimistic about finding a spot in the XI for the first Test in Nagpur. "I don't want to go too far away from what I know and trust the tactics that I've developed over time. However, I think it's going to be crucial to be open to change during games and even from innings to innings or spell to spell," Murphy said.

Murphy. GETTY IMAGES

Murphy's Sydney Sixers teammate Steve O'Keefe had registered the best figures by a visiting spinner in a Test in India in 2017, picking up 12 wickets to guide Australia to a first win in India since 2004. Murphy has been "lucky enough to have some good conversations with Sok (O'Keefe)" in the lead-up to the series.

"I was really interested to hear from him on how he prepared for the tour and little things he picked up while over there that he thought would help me. The biggest thing he drilled in was to just trust my skill set."

INBRIEF

Sai Praneeth enters last eight; George, Ashmita bow out

India's B. Sai Praneeth defeated Korean qualifier Hyeok Jin Jeon 24-22, 7-21, 22-20 to enter the quarterfinals of the Thailand Open Super 300 badminton tournament in Bangkok on Thursday. Kiran George and Ashmita Chaliha put up a fight before going down in the second round of men's singles and women's singles. Tanisha Crasto and Ishaan Bhatnagar suffered a 19-21, 16-21 loss to Indonesia's Akbar Bintang Cahyono and Marsheilla Gischa Islami in mixed doubles while Sikki Reddy and Rohan Kapoor lost 11-21, 10-21 to China's Feng Yan Zhe and Huang Dong Ping.

Teenager Aman wins bronze in Zagreb Open wrestling

India's Aman Sehrawat clinched a bronze medal at the Zagreb Open wrestling championships. The 17-year-old defeated Zane Raye Rhodes Richards of USA 10-4 on points to finish on the podium of the ranking tournament. Aliabbas Rzazade of Azerbaijan bagged the gold, beating Yuto Nishiuchi of Japan 2-0 in the final. Aman had defeated Roberti Dingashvili of Georgia in the quarterfinals, before losing to Nishiuchi in the semifinals, to qualify for the repechage round as his Japanese opponent went on to reach the final.

SLC appoints athlete Susanthika to promote cricket

Legendary track athlete and Olympic silver medallist Susanthika Jayasinghe has been appointed by Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) to promote women's cricket in the country. Susanthika, silver medallist in 200m at 2000 Sydney Games, had become the first Asian woman to win an Olympic or world championships medal in a sprint event.

Saudi Arabia to host 2027 Asian Cup football

Saudi Arabia was confirmed as host of football's 2027 Asian Cup on Wednesday, an expected prelude for a World Cup bid as the oil-rich kingdom spends big on sports in an attempt to improve its image. The three-time winners' successful bid, a formality after sole rival India withdrew, was rubber-stamped at the Asian Football Confederation Congress in Bahrain. Saudi Arabia has held talks with Egypt and Greece about a joint World Cup bid for 2030, officials said last year.

Anirudh-Vijay Sundar duo goes down in quarterfinals

Anirudh Chandrasekar and Vijay Sundar Prashanth were beaten 6-1, 6-1 by Fabian Fallert and Hendrik Jebens in the doubles quarterfinals of the €118,000 Challenger tennis tournament in Koblenz, Germany, on Thursday.

The results: €118,000 Challenger, Koblenz, Germany: Doubles (quarterfinals): Fabian Fallert & Hendrik Jebens (Ger) bt Anirudh Chandrasekar & Vijay Sundar Prashanth 6-1, 6-1. **First round:** Fallert & Jebens bt Sriram Balaji & Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan 1-6, 7-6(2), [10-7]; Philipp Oswald (Aut) & Szymon Walkow (Pol) bt Gijs Brouwer (Ned) & Saketh Myneni 6-0, 7-5.

$15,000 ITF men, Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt: Quarterfinals: Nathan Seateun (Fra) & SD Prajwal Dev bt Karlo Cubelic (Ger) & Volodymyr Uzhylovskyi (Ukr) 4-6, 6-3, [11-9].

$40,000 ITF women, Porto, Portugal: First round: Mariana Drazic (Cro) & Sapfo Sakellaridi (Gre) bt Cella Cervino Ruiz (Esp) & Riya Bhatia 6-1, 6-3; Lea Boskovic (Cro) & Daniela Vismane (Lat) bt Ines Murta (Por) & Vasanti Shinde 6-1, 6-3.

LIVE TELECAST

Ranji Trophy: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 9.30 a.m.
KIYG 2023: DD Sports, Star Sports 3 & Hotstar, 10 a.m. onwards
I-League: Eurosport (SD & HD), 4.30 p.m.
ISL: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m.
Bundesliga: Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 1 a.m. (Saturday)
Premier League: SS Select 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 1.30 a.m. (Saturday)
LaLiga: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 1.30 a.m. (Saturday)

Karnataka piles it on to hold the whip hand

Shreyas remains undefeated on 161 as the hosts take a huge first-innings lead of 490 against Uttarakhand; visitors reduced to 106 for three in their second knock

RANJI TROPHY

N. Sudarshan
BENGALURU

On a day of largely slow-burn cricket, Karnataka moved to within seven wickets of victory in the Ranji Trophy quarterfinal against Uttarakhand at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium on Thursday.

After piling up a gigantic 606-run first-innings total, that fetched a lead of 490 runs, Karnataka reduced Uttarakhand to 106 for three at stumps on the third day.

Dikshanshu Negi (27 batting, 65b, 4x4) and Swapnil Singh (27 batting, 58b, 3x4, 1x6) put on a 50-run unbeaten partnership for the fourth wicket, ensuring that the visitors wouldn't roll over. That they will have to bat out of their skins to just stretch the match into the fifth day tells the story.

Strike force: Abhay Negi was Uttarakhand's most successful bowler with four wickets. SUDHAKARA JAIN

Kaverappa sizzles

Vidwath Kaverappa was the standout bowler, claiming two wickets during a spell of 10 uninterrupted overs (10-5-22-2) to take his tally for the season to 25.

Avneesh Sudha was the first to go, trapped in front while shuffling across. Skipper Jiwanjot Singh, who had until then been watchful, was bowled through the gate, with two of the three stumps flying across the turf.

First change M. Venkatesh struck in his third over, convincing the umpire that Kunal Chandela had edged one down the leg side. The batter, though, was unhappy, pointing to his thigh pad before walking off.

In the penultimate over, Nikin Jose dropped Swapnil at short-leg off leggie Shreyas Gopal. But it is unlikely to have much of a bearing.

Good stand

Earlier in the morning, overnight centurion Shreyas and K. Gowtham (39, 70b, 4x4, 1x6) put on 85 runs (145b) for the seventh wicket. Shreyas remained unbeaten on 161 (288b, 16x4, 1x6), his highest First Class score, going past the previous best of 150 n.o. (2017-18).

But the slow trickle of runs didn't seem to impress a few hundred schoolkids who were in attendance as they chanted "we want sixer." Gowtham obliged, hooking one into the stands where they were seated. For the fans who trooped in later, joy came in the form of tea and biscuits that were specially arranged.

A Karnataka victory and a place in the semifinals will warm everybody's hearts uniformly.

The scores: Uttarakhand — 1st innings: 116.
Karnataka — 1st innings: R. Samarth c Akhil b Abhay Negi 82, Mayank Agarwal c Jiwanjot b Abhay Negi 83, Devdutt Padikkal c Jiwanjot b Mayank 69, Nikin Jose c Abhay Negi b Mayank 62, Manish Pandey c Tare b Mayank 39, Shreyas Gopal (not out) 161, B.R. Sharath c Tare b Dhapola 33, K. Gowtham b Swapnil 39, M. Venkatesh c Jiwanjot b Swapnil 15, Vidwath Kaverappa c Tare b Abhay Negi 1, V. Vyshak c Tare b Abhay Negi 0; Extras (b-4, lb-4, w-5, nb-9): 22; Total (in 162.5 overs): 606.
Fall of wickets: 1-159, 2-182, 3-300, 4-307, 5-415, 6-484, 7-569, 8-598, 9-605.
Uttarakhand bowling: Dhapola 28-6-91-1, Abhay Negi 33.5-8-109-4, Kohli 18-0-108-0, Swapnil 29-2-118-2, Mayank Mishra 38-5-117-3, Dikshanshu Negi 12-1-39-0, Sudha 4-0-16-0.
Uttarakhand – 2nd innings: Avneesh Sudha lbw b Kaverappa 4, Jiwanjot Singh b Kaverappa 24, Kunal Chandela c sub (S. Sharath) b Venkatesh 15, Dikshanshu Negi (batting) 27, Swapnil Singh (batting) 27; Extras (b-4, lb-5): 9; Total (for three wkts. in 41 overs): 106.
Fall of wickets: 1-18, 2-43, 3-56.
Karnataka bowling: Kaverappa 10-5-22-2, Vyshak 10-3-23-0, Gowtham 11-3-30-0, Venkatesh 6-0-19-1, Shreyas 4-1-3-0.

RANJI TROPHY SCORES (QUARTERFINALS, DAY THREE)

At Kolkata: Jharkhand 173 & 162/7 in 48 overs (Aryaman Sen 64, Anukul Roy 40) vs. Bengal 328 in 108 overs (Abhimanyu Easwaran 77, Sudip Kumar Gharami 68, Shahbaz Ahmed 81).
At Rajkot: Saurashtra 303 & 138/4 in 54 overs (Arpit Vasavada 44 batting) vs. Punjab 431 in 124.3 overs (Prabhsimran Singh 126, Naman Dhir 131, Mandeep Singh 91, Anmol Malhotra 41, Dharmendra Jadeja 5/109).
At Bengaluru: Uttarakhand 116 & 106/3 in 41 overs vs. Karnataka 606 in 162.5 overs (R. Samarth 82, Mayank Agarwal 83, Devdutt Padikkal 69, Nikin Jose 62, Shreyas Gopal 161 n.o., Abhay Negi 4/109).
At Indore: Andhra 379 & 93 in 32.3 overs (Avesh Khan 4/24) vs. Madhya Pradesh 228 in 69.1 overs (Shubham Sharma 51, Prithvi Raj 5/26) & 58/0 in 16 overs.

Rehan in England's white-ball squads

Agence France-Presse
LONDON

England picked teenage leg-spinner Rehan Ahmed in its white-ball squads for the first time on Thursday ahead of next month's tour of Bangladesh. England will play three ODIs and three T20s from March 1.

The 18-year-old, who became England's youngest men's Test cricketer against Pakistan, marked his debut in Karachi with a five-wicket haul.

Bhambri plays Rune in opening rubber

DAVIS CUP

Sports Bureau

Yuki Bhambri will challenge world No. 9 Holger Rune in the opening rubber, as India takes on Denmark in the Davis World Group tie, on indoor hard courts at the Royal Stage, Hillerod, on Friday.

Sumit Nagal has been selected as the No. 1 player for the tie and will play the second singles against August Holmgren.

Denmark may be the overwhelming favourite with Rune in the squad, but the Indian team believes that it has a good chance against Holmgren.

Thus, the Indian team banks on the idea of winning the two singles against the Danish No. 2 player, and pocket the doubles to seal the tie.

The draw: Feb. 3: Holger Rune vs. Yuki Bhambri; August Holmgren vs. Sumit Nagal.
Feb. 4: Johannes Ingildsen & Christian Sigsgaard vs Bhambri & Rohan Bopanna; Rune vs Nagal; Holmgren vs Bhambri.

Evaldo primed to repeat in Stayers Trial Stakes

BENGALURU: Evaldo, who is in fine nick, may score an encore in the Stayers Trial Stakes, the chief event of the races to be held here on Friday Feb 3). False rails (width about 6m from 1,600m to the winning post) will be in position.

1 INDRAVATI PLATE (1,400m), rated 00 to 25, 1-30 p.m.: 1. Activated (7) L.A. Rozario 62.5, 2. Bellissimo (4) P. Mani 61.5, 3. Fair Counsel (2) Tousif 61.5, 4. Emma (6) Likith Appu 61, 5. The Sound Of Music (10) R. Pradeep 60.5, 6. Altamonte (3) VIvek 59, 7. War Trail (1) Sai Kiran 59, 8. Elite Agent (5) Kiran Rai 58.5, 9. Artiana (11) Vinod Shinde 58, 10. Dawn Rising (9) Rayan 58 and 11. He's The One (8) Salman K 57.5.
1. WAR TRAIL, 2. EMMA, 3. ACTIVATED

2 ELLORA CAVES PLATE (DIV. II), (1,400m), rated 20 to 45, 6-y-o & over, 2-00: 1. Almanach (1) Salman K 60, 2. See My Heels (8) Suraj 60, 3. Trensetter (6) R. Pradeep 59.5, 4. War Eagle (2) P. Mani 59.5, 5. Striking Point (3) S. Saqlain 58.5, 6. Bramastram (9) Likith Appu 56.5, 7. Master Of Success (4) Sai Kiran 56, 8. Akasi (7) Vivek 54.5, and 9. Altair (5) Tousif 53.5.
1. SEE MY HEELS, 2. MASTER OF SUCCESS, 3. STRIKING POINT

3 JOG FALLS PLATE (DIV. II), (1,400m), rated 20 to 45, 2-30: 1. Konabos (8) S. John 60, 2. Klockner (11) Srinath 57.5, 3. Breeze Bluster (1) Salman K 56, 4. Ice Storm (4) Jagadeesh 56, 5. Quick Witted (7) Md. Aliyar 56, 6. Masteroftheskies (9) Vivek 55, 7. Raffles (10) Tousif 55, 8. Golden Starlet (6) Kiran Rai 54.5, 9. Kallu Sakkare (2) Sai Kiran 54.5, 10. Southernaristocrat (3) Darshan 54 and 11. Impiana (5) L.A. Rozario 53.5.
1. KONABOS, 2. IMPIANA, 3. KLOCKNER

4 COBWEB PLATE (1,100m), maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms), 3-00: 1. Bourbon Bay (5) Darshan 56, 2. Rainbow Dreamer (2) Akshay K 56, 3. Roman Spirit (7) Srinath 56, 4. Spacex (4) L.A. Rozario 56, 5. Fast Pace (3) Ajeet K 54.5, 6. Fifth Element (6) Vinod Shinde 54.5 and 7. Greenwich (1) S. Saqlain 54.5.
1. ROMAN SPIRIT, 2. RAINBOW DREAMER, 3. FAST PACE

5 PARFAIT AMOUR TROPHY (1,600m), rated 20 to 45, 3-30: 1. Santorino (6) S. John 60, 2. King Of War (10) S. Saqlain 59.5, 3. Ripple N Storm (7) Akshay K 58.5, 4. Lycurgus (5) Sai Kiran 57.5, 5. Born King (8) Khurshad A 56.5, 6. High Opinion (1) B. Nayak 56.5, 7. Triumphant (9) Suraj 56, 8. Pazel (3) L.A. Rozario 55, 9. Foi (2) Darshan 54.5 and 10. Chinky Pinky (4) R. Pradeep 53.
1. SANTORINO, 2. KING OF WAR, 3. TRIUMPHANT

6 S.M. RAMAKRISHNA RAO MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,200m), rated 40 to 65, 4-00: 1. Queen Spirit (12) Akshay K 60, 2. Extraordinary (10) Sai Kiran 59.5, 3. Galactical (7) Salman K 59, 4. The Response (2) Tousif 59, 5. Smithsonian (8) Darshan 58.5, 6. Mystic Eye (11) Likith Appu 57.5, 7. English Bay (5) Ashok K 57, 8. Crown Consort (9) Suraj 56, 9. Golden Time (6) Vinod Shinde 56, 10. Montelena (1) L.A. Rozario 55, 11. General Patton (4) Khurshad A 54.5 and 12. Millbrook (3) S. Saqlain 54.
1. CROWN CONSORT, 2. QUEEN SPIRIT, 3. MONTELENA

7 STAYERS TRIAL STAKES (2,400m), 4-y-o & over, (Terms), 4-30: 1. Evaldo (2) Akshay K 59, 2. Fire Power (4) Srinath 59, 3. Karanveer (5) A. Imran 59, 4. Silvarius (1) S. John 59 and 5. Ruling Goddess (3) Darshan 57.5.
1. EVALDO, 2. KARANVEER

8 JOG FALLS PLATE (DIV. I), (1,400m), rated 20 to 45, 5-00: 1. Lagopus (5) A. Imran 60.5, 2. Nikolina (4) S. John 60, 3. Aherne (1) Darshan 58.5, 4. White Roses (8) Suraj 58, 5. Air Display (11) Vivek 57.5, 6. Mystical Merkabah (9) Kiran Rai 56, 7. Opus One (6) L.A. Rozario 56, 8. Recreator (10) Vinod Shinde 56, 9. Fare Weather (12) R. Pradeep 55, 10. Noble Ruler (7) Md. Aliyar 55, 11. Thewhisperquietly (3) Sai Kiran 55 and 12. Je Ne Sais Quoi (2) Salman K 54.5.
1. NIKOLINA, 2. OPUS ONE, 3. WHITE ROSES

9 ELLORA CAVES PLATE (DIV. I), (1,400m), rated 20 to 45, 6-y-o & over, 5-30: 1. Starry Wind (8) Likith Appu 62, 2. Classic Charm (6) Darshan 60, 3. Eco Friendly (5) P. Mani 59, 4. Hope Island (4) S. John 59, 5. Beldona (1) Sai Kiran 58.5, 6. Ultimate Striker (7) S. Saqlain 58.5, 7. Dr Logan (9) L.A. Rozario 58, 8. Smile Around (3) Naveen K 56.5 and 9. Speaking Of Stars (2) Salman K 56.5.
1. HOPE ISLAND, 2. BELDONA, 3. SPEAKING OF STARS

Day's best: **EVALDO**
Double: **SANTORINO – CROWN CONSORT**
Jkt: 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9; Tr (i): 1, 2 and 3; (ii): 4, 5 and 6; (iii): 7, 8 and 9.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Yeshwanth's triple-strike highlights Shlok HC's massive win

Yeshwanth scored a hat-trick as Shlok HC blanked JFHA 9-0 in the KSHA Super Division hockey league here on Thursday.

The results: V. Raja HC 2 (Abhimanyu 29, Deepak Kumar 42) bt 5C Sports Club 0; Shlok HC 9 (Fahad 24, 36, Yeshwanth 19, 36, 43, Rakshith 19, Sugan 18, 29, Rohit 45) bt JFHA 0.

On Wednesday: 5C SC 1 (Kabilan 30) drew with Metro HC 1 (Anand 25); Rainbow HC 3 (Karthik 11, Magesh 40, 43) bt Shlok HC 1 (Fahad 32).

Blitz-DYES in a barren draw

Blitz FC and DYES FC played out a nil-nil draw in the BDFA A-division league here on Thursday.

Other results: B-div.: Al Fateh FC 4 (Zaib Sheriff 37, 41, 68, Tariq Sheriff 51) bt RS Sports FC 1 (J.B. Trishanth 13).

Level Up Sports and Simply Sport Foundation tie-up for badminton excellence programme

Level Up Sports, of which former National badminton champion Arvind Bhat is a director, and Simply Sport Foundation announced a tie-up for a badminton excellence programme on Thursday.

It will have 20 inductees, who will undergo a specialised training programme aimed at providing world-class training under experienced coaches, an international standard facility, sports science support, and tournament exposure.

"We will scout the trainees through tournaments such as the Junior Grand Prix Badminton League, the State Championships while also having a talent hunt event in the future," a release quoted Bhat as saying.

Shreyank excels in Whirlwind Cricketers' narrow win

Shreyank Sagar's all-round effort (41 & 4/17) helped Whirlwind Cricketers defeat Jayanagar United Cricketers by 11 runs in the KSCA (Group I) fourth division league.

In another match, B. Neelrattan scored an unbeaten 135 to carry Palar SC, Kolar to a fine seven-wicket win over Victory CC.

The scores: Palace Orchard CC 135 in 39.5 overs (K. Ambresh 25, Mourya Janardhan 4/36) lost to Merchants CC (2) 136/2 in 28.2 overs (Bharath Kalachar 91 n.o., Rahul Kumar 33).

Bharath CC 267/9 in 50 overs (C.S. Yathiraj 111, S. Monish 32, Shoban Babur 3/45) bt National United CC 261 in 49.5 overs (Sachin Honakeri 45, B.J. Sharath 62 n.o., S. Suresh Kumar 31, T.V. Loukik 57, Ashwin Kumar 3/53, Manish Narayanan 3/32).

Blue Diamond Cricketers 290/7 in 50 overs (M.A. Akarsh 88, R. Pratham 47, M. Nidhish 52, Raunak Shah 32, Gangaram Lacchappa Pawar 3/39) bt Friends XI CC, Doddaballapura 244 in 46 overs (Abid Ali 26, Raza Mehdi 35, Karthik Ramanna 78, S. Dhananjaya 35, S.L. Akshay 3/25).

Whirlwind Cricketers 141 in 34 overs (Shreyank Sagar 41, Manoj Pandit 3/36, Vinod Ravi 3/15) bt Jayanagar United Cricketers 130/9 in 50 overs (Vinod Ravi 29 n.o., Shreyank Sagar 4/17).

Victory CC 263 in 49.5 overs (Sireesh Balgaar 55, A.S. Rahul 38, Nikhil 47, Aadesh Surya Tej 45, Pavan Kumar 4/46) lost to Young Lions Club 267/9 in 49.4 overs (M.R. Raghu 36, H. Sarvesh Raju 26, Mohd. Nauman 42, Adhoksh 32, N. Gopinath Saandra 33).

Vikram CC 144 in 40.1 overs (Benedict Raj Badiger 26, C. Deepak Reddy 26, Shashwat Yadav 3/20, T.N. Suman 3/38) lost to Palar SC, Kolar 145/4 in 32 overs (B. Veeresh 35, B. Neelrattan 39 n.o., Guruprasad Swamy 44 n.o.).

Merchant CC (1) 183 in 48.2 overs (U.V. Vishruth Dev 31, Akshay A. Kamath 56, K.L. Monith Narayan 26, Anilgouda Patil 4/48) lost to Young Challenging Cricketers 186/7 in 38.5 overs (M. Prajwal 34, Abu 54, R. Darshan 30, N. Priyaranjan 3/26).

Sangam CA 173 in 42.4 overs (S. Gowrav 76, K. Lakshmi Sagar 27, Md. Ismail Hussain 3/20, K.P. Bhargav 3/44) lost to Minerva CC 175/2 in 29.1 overs (R. Yogesh 123, Revanth Bairy 34 n.o.).

Bharath CC 268/8 in 50 overs (Manish Narayanan 32, C.S. Yathiraj 36, Ashwin Kumar 35, Gaurov Shanbhag 63 n.o., K. Hemadri 28, B. Adarsh 3/42) bt Merchants CC (2) 178 in 41.2 overs (Bharath Kalachar 54, Roshan Raju 57, M. Arun 27, Manish Narayanan 4/39, S. Monish 4/36).

Palace Orchard CC 266 in 45.5 overs (S. Naveen 43, Aadesh D. Urs 75, V.N. Rajath Nag 46, R. Janardhan 3/32) lost to National United CC 267/6 in 46.4 overs (Deepak Ugrappa 95, B.J. Sharath 40, N. Dheeraj 32, Arun Kumar 30 n.o., M.M. Poorvik 3/51).

Blue Diamond Cricketers 166 in 42 overs (Vinod Munikrishna 49, Raunak Shah 26, Sayan Arjun 5/20, S. Arvind 3/25) lost to Whirlwind Cricketers 170/7 in 47.5 overs (P. Anuraj 45, K.V. Bharat 55 n.o.).

Jayanagar United Cricketers 238/8 in 50 overs (Bhaskar 90, Manmohan Ram 38, Sundar 45 n.o.) bt Friends XI CC, Doddaballapura 184 in 44 overs (T.M. Nagarjun 53, B.S. Suhas 41, Gangaram Lacchappa Pawar 29, Sundar 3/32, G.T. Sunil Kaushik 4/40).

Vikram CC 135 in 35 overs (S. Rohit 47, Chandru 4/39, Pavan Kumar 4/26 lost to Young Lions Club 136/2 in 19.2 overs (M.R. Raghu 53, N. Gopinath Saandra 73).

Victory CC 268/4 in 50 overs (S.A. Sooraj 71, Sireesh Balgaar 70, Nitish Arya 43 n.o., Nikhil 42, Mohammad Ishthiaque 3/32) lost to Palar SC, Kolar 269/3 in 34 overs (M.B. Naveen 27, B. Neelrattan 135 n.o., Asit Kumar 73 n.o.).

Sangam CA 166 in 45.1 overs (Mithun S. Patil 27, S. Gowrav 29, K. Lakshmi Sagar 38, V. Saatwik 3/24) lost to Young Challenging Cricketers 169/2 in 33 overs (M. Prajwal 52 n.o., Abu 30, R. Darshan 42 n.o.).

Minerva CC 264/8 in 50 overs (R. Yogesh 33, Revanth Bairy 37, Rajath Sathish 51, Varun P. Annadani 83 n.o., N. Priyaranjan 3/35) bt Merchant CC (1) 180 in 40.5 overs (Rushi B. Shetty 29, K.B. Pruthviraj 35, N. Priyaranjan 39, M. Kishore 25, M.P. Sachin Pande 3/38).

Merchants (2) 234/9 in 50 overs (V. Chiranth 60, M. Arun 32, N.J. Gowtham 29, Mourya Janardhan 30 n.o., R. Janardhan 3/48) lost to National United 237/6 in 48.4 overs (Deepak Ugrappa 75, K.P. Jefin 53, K.A. Aries 30).

Bharath 246/9 in 50 overs (Sumedh S. Rao 50, Gaurov Shanbhag 90) bt Palace Orchard 204/8 in 50 overs (N.G. Vrijesh 27, Aadesh D. Urs 37, S.R. Srikanth Revankar 37 n.o., K. Ambresh 39 n.o., M. Pracheth 5/40).

Young Lions Club 246 in 48.5 overs (H. Sarvesh Raju 79, Mohd. Nauman 26, Adhoksh 45, M.B. Naveen 3/28, Shashwat Yadav 3/45) bt Palar SC, Kolar 160 in 36.4 overs (Asit Kumar 60, Shashwat Yadav 46 n.o., Chandru 4/23, N. Gopinath Saandra 3/15).

Vikram 216 in 48.4 overs (P. Ganesh 72, Vimal Panikar 28, C. Deepak Reddy 40, Imran Gazali 3/28) bt Victory 205 in 47.4 overs (Sireesh Balgaar 35, M. Hemanth 52, S. Raghuveer 25 n.o., S. Rohit 3/35, Bharat B. Badiger 3/39).

Jayanagar United Cricketers 166 in 44.3 overs (Tharun T. Kotta 27, Sundar 49, R. Pratham 5/28, Shetty 3/12) lost to Blue Diamond Cricketers 167/9 in 49.5 overs (Raunak Shah 30 n.o., S.L. Akshay 32, Sundar 4/18).

Whirlwind Cricketers 187 in 48.4 overs (Kushal R. Katara 33, S. Arvind 40 n.o., Anand Arun Pillai 4/53) bt Friends XI, Doddaballapura 156 in 40.5 overs (Raghuveer Rajpurohit 42, Abid Ali 31, Sayan Arjun 4/26).

Young Challenging Cricketers 194 in 42.5 overs (Abu 52, R. Darshan 59, V. Saatwik 38, Md. Ismail Hussain 3/29, M.P. Sachin Pande 4/24) lost to Minerva 198/8 in 49.2 overs (Darshan B.R. Krishna 25, Varun P. Annadani 58 n.o., Ravikiran M. Patel 36 n.o., R. Darshan 3/33).

Sangam CA 241/9 in 50 overs (Shoheb Pasha 54, S. Gowrav 80, Siddik Ahmed 4/52) bt Merchant (1) 231 in 49.2 overs (Rushi B. Shetty 70, Skanda Sharma 77, M. Kishore 30, Nikhil Naik 6/49).